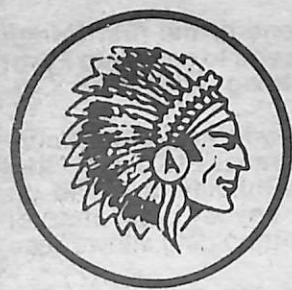


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*Friendly's Classic Underway...*

## Water Wars Being Won By Crestview Crew

The ladies of the LPGA tour are busy touring the Crestview Country Club in Agawam this week, each one battling for a share of the half-million dollar purse in the Second Annual Friendly's Classic.

Late last week (last Saturday, actually), another lady paid the course a visit. This lady, however, wasn't a member of the LPGA or the Crestview Country Club. She wasn't even much of a lady, for that matter. Her name was Bertha (as in hurricane) and she was in an ugly mood.

When she left in a huff early Sunday morning, she had dumped enough water on the region to float a small navy - almost five inches of precipitation, for that matter.

### Weather Always A Concern

"Our biggest concern is always the weather," Crestview course superintendent Gary Mondor said as he and his grounds crew headed out into the teeth of the storm to start pumping out the sand traps, which looked more like sand ponds. "We can control the course set-up. But so far, no one has come up with a way to control Mother Nature," he added with a smile.

It was all part of the job for the guy responsible for getting Crestview into shape for the lady pros.

Gary, 58, has been plying his trade there for a quarter of a century in a career that spans 30 years. And like all course superintendents, when the pros come calling, he's the one under the gun. The experience he gained courtesy of last year's Classic is serving him well this time out. "The LPGA comes in and more or less suggests things we can do to make the course pro-tough," he noted. "But Crestview is already a tough course," he added.

To that end, the LPGA didn't have a whole lot of suggestions. "We really didn't have to make many changes," Gary said. "They showed up a week ago for an advance visit and liked what they saw."

He pointed out that the women will play mostly from the men's tees. The grass there will be cut to three inches. One modification, implemented last year, was a new tee location on the 365 yard, par four 16th hole. It was shortened up a bit and placed so the ladies would have a little better driving angle. They'll play to the same 1/8-inch cut fairways enjoyed by the members.

"We tend to them with a lightweight mower and all the clippings will be removed. The LPGA recommends the removal of the clippings. It's something we've been doing for the members since 1987," Gary said.

Two areas of the course, according to him, will be toughened up for the pros - the rough and the greens.

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## Business Keeping Main Street Pretty



AGAWAM PUBLIC MARKET owner and operator Gerald Coderre waters the plantings in front of his business on Main Street as Agawam Beautification Committee member Sasha Zebryk looks on. This is the third year the Public Market has adopted the planter in front of their store at their own expense. RELATED PHOTO INSIDE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## New Town Budget Giving Schools Largest Hike Ever

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

With local aid from the state at the highest level in eight years, the School Department is slated to receive the largest increase in school spending in the town's history, with more than \$600,000 in additional funding above the School Committee's budget request.

In his budget message delivered Monday night, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson outlined a spending plan totaling \$43,343,617, which represents an overall increase of 4.43 percent (\$1,563,014) compared to last year. School Department spending will increase by \$1,576,986 (8.9 percent over fiscal 1996) and the town side of the budget is up \$773,015 (6.12 percent over fiscal 1996).

In a presentation lasting over two hours, Johnson detailed the spending proposals for each of the town's departments for an audience consisting almost entirely of department heads and Town Councilors.

School Committee member Linda Galarneau attended the session, as did Councilors George Bitzas, Thomas Ennis, Kent Servis, Christian Quatrone, Edward Caba, and David Skolnick.

Included in the spending plan is \$1.2 million in capital improvement projects in educational technology and educational materials as well as road and sidewalk projects.

Noting that putting money in the bank for future needs is not the politically prudent course of action for a politician elected to a two-year term,

Johnson said adding \$500,000 to the stabilization fund would bring the balance to \$1 million that will be used to meet the future capital needs of the community.

Johnson said strengthening the stabilization funds will ease the burden on the taxpayers when school building assistance funds become available for the school additions, as well as renovations slated for the town's four elementary schools and the High School.

State funding for the Phelps School addition has been approved for 1997 and the other three elementary projects are set to receive funding the following year. The High School project will likely be funded in 1998 or 1999. The state will reimburse the town for 71 percent of the \$18 million price tag on the five school building projects.

### "... Best Budget I've Ever Submitted ..."

Johnson said his budget was "far and away the best budget I've ever submitted," and reflected no increase in the tax rate, no increase in fees, and the creation of no new fees.

Johnson said although the tax rate was not increasing, individual taxpayers could be paying higher or lower tax bills after the completion of the state-mandated property revaluation.

Reflecting the largest growth in terms of both dollars and percent of increase, the School

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**SCHOOL HIKE - from Page 1...**

Department budget includes the original \$18.6 million requested by the School Committee and an additional \$75,000 added to the School Committee request; \$82,590 in school council funding; and \$475,000 in capital improvement funding.

For the schools, Johnson is proposing capital improvements of \$300,000 for educational technology, including new computers, software, communication equipment, and training; \$100,000 in funding education materials; and \$75,000 for repair and replacement of school furniture.

Johnson said the funding for capital improvements in educational technology would allow for the full implementation of the School Department's three-year technology improvement plan.

**Town Could Receive An Additional \$120,000...**

If the school technology bond bill is passed by the legislature, Agawam will receive an additional \$120,000, thereby boosting the town's overall school technology spending to more than \$560,000 for next year.

"I don't know when we've ever spent \$56,000 on new technology in one year, never mind \$560,000," Johnson said. "This is the largest single investment in technology in the history of the Agawam School Department."

Johnson said the proposed school budget incorporated all the material and supply requests

submitted by the principals and directors and substantially exceeded the net school spending required under the state's Education Reform Act.

Johnson said the Town Council budget reflected salary increases, but was level funded for the most part. The council's professional services account remained at last year's funding level of \$250, but an additional \$7,500 was included in the Law Department's professional services account.

Johnson has twice denied the council's request for \$2,500 to hire a consultant to assess the tax contract negotiated between the town and Berkshire Power.

Johnson said the increase in the Law Department's consulting account was largely due to increased litigation costs brought about by opponents of the Berkshire Power project.

Highlights from Johnson's spending plan for fiscal 1997 include:

- No increase in water or sewer rates.
- New school resource police officer.
- DARE program expanding to junior and senior high schools.
- Three new police cruisers and a 4x4 vehicle.
- New firefighter-paramedic.
- New fire rescue boat.
- Over \$700,000 in road repairs.
- \$5,000 for Senior Center improvement.
- \$5,000 increase in the library's book budget.
- \$20,000 in park improvement funds.
- \$50,000 added to the reserve fund.

## Bay State Gas Company Announces Pilot Program To Open Competition

Bay State Gas Company held a press conference on Tuesday, July 16th to announce major developments in a landmark pilot program which will bring free market competition to natural gas consumers in Western Massachusetts.

Details of one of the first pilot programs of its kind nationwide were made available at the press conference held Tuesday, July 16th at 11:00 a.m. at the Basketball Hall of Fame on Columbus Avenue in Springfield.

President and Chief Operating Officer of the company Joel L. Singer was joined by Lt. Gov. Paul Cellucci and the Department of Public

Utilities in outlining the two-year pilot program, *Pioneer Valley Customer Choice*, which will allow 10,000 Bay State Gas customers to purchase their gas supply directly from a supplier of their choice while continuing to rely on Bay State to deliver gas to their homes. Bay State will continue to service equipment, read meters, and respond to gas emergencies.

The Pioneer Valley pilot program will provide valuable information on free market competition to natural gas suppliers from throughout the United States.

## Student Workers Usually Need To Have Tax Withheld

The IRS would like to remind students who are working summer jobs that they are not automatically exempt from taxes because they are a student.

When you begin a job, one of the first things your employer will do is ask you to complete Form W-4, "Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate."

The form and worksheet will help you decide how many withholding allowances to claim. How much tax your employer withholds is based on how much you earn each payday, your marital status, and the number of withholding allowances claimed on your W-4.

Each allowance reduces the amount of tax withheld. You can claim fewer allowances than you're entitled to, but you aren't allowed to claim more than you qualify for.

"Generally, you should claim all the allowances you are entitled to — that way, your withholding will come as close to your tax liability as possible. For many students, this will be just one allowance. You can claim zero allowances if you want more tax withheld," said Francis Crowley, IRS District Director.

In the past, most students could exempt themselves from income tax withholding, but tax law changes stemming from the Tax Reform Act of 1986, now require most high school and college workers to have taxes withheld from their paycheck.

If a person can be taken as a dependent on someone else's return, and that person has combined wage and nonwage income of more than \$650, then he or she will be unable to claim exemption from withholding.

Nonwage income includes such things as interest and dividends. A person who has wage income only can usually claim exemption from withholding on the W-4 if his or her wages in 1996 total \$4,000 or less.

Publication 4, "Student's Guide to Federal Income Tax," has more information on taxes and students. To get a free copy of this or any other IRS Publication, call the IRS toll-free at 1-800-TAX-FORM.



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## Letters To The Editor

### Update On The Progress Of Municipal Golf Course

#### To The Editor:

The Agawam Municipal Golf Commission appreciates the opportunity to update your readers regarding the progress of the Town's golf course.

We started the golf season by welcoming our new Course Superintendent, Geoffrey Houghton. Mr. Houghton brings significant experience and enthusiasm to his new position. He and his staff have worked hard to improve the condition of the course. All greens are in excellent condition and work continues on several new tee box areas. Improvements will continue to insure a pleasant golfing experience for the public.

Perhaps the most significant development at the course has been the installation of a complete irrigation system throughout all 18 holes. Your readers may recall that the system was funded, in part, by an Urban Self-Help Grant from the State with matching funds generated from the golf course operation. No Town revenues were used for the irrigation project.

Additionally, the Commission recently voted to change the name of the course from the Agawam Country Club to the Agawam Municipal Golf Course. The Commission believes that the name change more accurately reflects ownership of the course by the residents of the Town of Agawam.

The Commission encourages all residents of the Town, including non-golfers, to visit the course and inspect the premises. The snack bar and bar are open to the public and the facility provides a spectacular view of the lower Pioneer Valley.

The public is invited to attend all meetings of the Golf Commission which occur twice a month. Specific times and dates of the meetings appear on Public Access Cable Channel No. 5.

**THE AGAWAM MUNICIPAL GOLF COMMISSION**

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### Bitzas Urges Councilors To Approve BP Tax Agreement

#### To The Editor:

To Councilors Suffriti, Caba, Skolnick, Perry, Langone, and Ennis:

Dear Councilors:

The time is running out to approve the in-lieu of tax agreement and our town is in great danger of losing over \$1 million a year and almost \$70 million altogether if you don't have the courage to stand up and take responsibility now.

Your continued inaction and repeated tabling of this agreement is irresponsible and is not serving the best interests of the Agawam taxpayers. For the last time, I urge you to cooperate and agree to call a special meeting in the next few days or give the green light to the president of the council to call a special meeting.

Two weeks ago, you asked the Mayor and he agreed to make amendments to the contract. The power plant's representatives also approved them. I think they are good amendments. Let's have a meeting and invite the Mayor and Berkshire Power and have an honest discussion to solve this problem once and for all.

If needed, we can go into executive session with them to discuss the terms and see if it's realistic and possible to make some changes and get more money. You don't need to pay a consultant to tell us we would like more money, of course we would like more, but the question is, "Can we get more or do we end up with a lot less?"

Let's stop playing politics and a power game with the Mayor at the expense of the town and its people. Let's act now! The clock is in its last seconds. The people of our town are waiting and are counting on you to act on this agreement, regardless if you are in favor or against the power plant itself.

You can't continue to gamble after the cards are on the table. Right now you have the choice of \$285,000 a year in taxes or \$1.2 million a year (increasing at 3 percent a year). It will be a crime if the plant comes to town and Agawam only gets the lesser amount of \$285,000 a year in regular taxes.

How are you going to face the Agawam taxpayers and what kind of excuses are you going to find to justify the town losing a large amount of money and all the benefits that come from it?

Think about this councilors, and remember, "a bird in the hand is worth more than two in the bush."

It is my hope you will call a meeting despite what any consultant may say and that you will vote in favor of the amended in-lieu of tax agreement. I hope and pray you don't wait too long to vote on the agreement, because otherwise it will be too late. And Agawam will be the loser.

Sincerely,

George Bitzas

Agawam City Councilor

### Coach Says He's Learned A Lesson In "Sports Politics"

#### To The Editor:

As a head coach of an Agawam Minor League team, I and (worst of all) my young players have learned a hard lesson of the town's "sports politics." After working hard all season, our team qualified for the playoffs. The playoff date was scheduled, but league officials cancelled the opening round three times due to gripes of our opposing team. They complained that their key players could not be present in total due to vacations.

As each date was renewed, their displeasure was made with threats of not showing up to play. A double standard was exercised when officials consented to rescheduling because my team's players and parents made vacation adjustments on all three rescheduled games. At one point, the Minor League coordinator put his foot down and dictated when the game would be.

The opposing coach again appealed to a high power who, in fact, was in agreement with the coordinator the day before, and he overruled the newly scheduled date again. After being thoroughly exhausted with this petty roller coaster ride, I agreed to the lack of consideration in the best interest of the children.

We finally got the game under way and, due to weather conditions, the game had to be called in the top half of the fifth inning. We were down 2-0 but had two men on base with one out and the top of our batting order up. There were stall tactics and some very tacky antics by the opposing coach.

I pled that due to the importance of the game to the children that it be suspended and picked up where we left off on the following day. I was denied and they defined the game as a loss and, therefore, an ousting from the playoffs. My children were heartbroken. After being put off for three games, they didn't get to finish the one that was played.

When I became a coach, I was under the assumption that my responsibilities not only included teaching the fundamentals of the game, but to instill respect for others, integrity, and values that were intertwined with the fun of the game itself, and hoped that as these children moved on the following year they would take some of these virtues with them.

However, I found myself, my team, and my parents dealing with an egotistical, self-serving coach who held little regard for these important things. His manipulation of the League's head chairperson not only shortchanged my team, but was a poor example to his own team's children. A very rude awakening to this town's "sports politics."

My heart goes out to my players, and I believe that they are truly champs. As I scanned their faces, I hoped they could understand my explanation that their endeavors in life may sometimes be as unfair as this decision to end their baseball season was. I found it just as hard to swallow these facts as these eight and nine year-olds.

I hope someday they'll look back on this and they're that much wiser. I think they found some comfort knowing that they really **DID NOT GET BEAT**, and they can hold their heads high.

Great year, Yanks!

Louie Bonavita  
Agawam

### Ziegert Family Says Thanks For Success Of Golf Tourney

#### To The Editor:

On Sunday, June 30th, the fifth Lisa Ziegert Memorial Golf Tournament was held at the Agawam Country Club. In spite of cool, rainy weather, 136 golfers came to play in memory of our beautiful Lisa and to support her memorial fund which supplies scholarships and donations to many child related fields.

We cannot say enough about these wonderful people, many of whom golfed for the fifth time.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Saturday, July 20th  
Final player registration  
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Saturday, July 20th  
"Blueberry Festival" at  
Agawam Methodist Church  
Beginning at 5:00 p.m.  
Tickets: adults, \$7; seniors, \$6  
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Wednesday, July 24th  
Concert by Ted Wirt and the  
New England Jazz Octet  
At Veterans Memorial Park,  
Phelps School, 689 Main St., Agawam  
(will be held in the Phelps School  
auditorium in the event of rain)  
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Wednesday, July 24th  
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The volunteers who worked that day at both the golf club and the VFW were surprised that the only complaints were in regards to the way an individual played their game, not the lousy weather. In fact, when many were thanked for coming out, their replay was, "I wouldn't have missed it!!!"

At the picnic after the tournament, the turnout was fantastic and everyone seemed to have a great time, despite sweatshirts, soggy clothes, and a cool breeze which made the temperature seem much less than 60 degrees. The food, as always, was delicious and there was plenty of it.

So many people are responsible for the success and joy of the tournament:

- Mayor Christopher Johnson, who not only comes out to play every year, but also responds so readily to our needs.

- Ron Dunn and the staff of the Agawam Country Club, especially Carlo and Karen, for their assistance and genuine caring.

- The VFW - the cooks and all who helped out - a tremendous job.

- The volunteers - Ann, Sophia, Donna, Roger, Janis, Sheila, Joanie, and all who helped - without you the tournament and picnic could not go on.

- Doug Reed, our DJ and emcee, you brought joy with your music and fun to the raffle.

- Shelley Borgatti Reed - letters to prospective sponsors, picnic tickets, flyers, and too many things to list.

- Ed Borgatti & EB's - always there for us.

- The Agawam High School Print Shop - the posters were terrific and very professional.

- Sponsors and raffle prize donors - your continued support and generosity is heartwarming.

- Tom Petrillo - our Bud man and dear friend for all those Budweiser prizes.

- Barbara Viens - friend and owner of Country Flowers & Gifts for all the white bows and hours of time and organization.

We also want everyone who attended the picnic to know how much that meant to us. Seeing all the kids having a great time really makes the day. Being with family, extended family, and friends is what makes the day so special.

We must say a special "Thank You" to Rick and Donna Brignole. The tournament and picnic would not exist without this warm, generous, energetic, and very special couple who put hours of time and mountains of love into Lisa's tournament. How can a thank you be enough for someone who brings the information from the day,

approximately \$4,5000, and then thanks you for letting them do all this work.

A thank you seems so inadequate to express the feelings that are generated by so much love and support. It renders us speechless when we are generally articulate. It gives us strength, keeps us going, and reaffirms our belief in the goodness of people.

With Heartfelt Thanks,  
Lisa's Family

## Old Boy/Old Buddy System Is Evident In Town Government

### To The Editor:

The serious breaches of the public trust committed by City Council President Nancy Thompson are obviously being induced with the help of City Attorney Thomas Locke in an attempt to cover up the actions taken by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson.

There is no other reason in the world to want a petition signed by the people of this city stopped, except for the exposure of the Mayor's illegal actions. The petitioners and the people should demand to know why, out of the clear blue, Ms. Thompson needed to have this petition removed from the council's agenda when the petition was approved by the Election Commission and the City Clerk's Office, and was placed on the agenda for a public hearing.

I say this was a plot led by the boss, Mr. Mayor. Obviously, it was he, the Mayor, who wanted this petition off the agenda and it was Ms. Thompson who went along with it. The Mayor could not allow public scrutiny of his actions.

The petition was clear why we wanted the public hearing. It was obvious that the Mayor was paying one of his buddies many dollars for services rendered for reviewing insurance contracts for the city as a consultant.

Look at the records. Here, in spite of it all, the Mayor just created a new contract by executive order and paid this consultant \$1,625.00 for what? I have the line item budgets, insurance contracts, etc. The budget shows insurance costs have gone up over the last five or six years, yet the Mayor claimed he saved the city \$3 million (while the consultant claimed he saved the city \$5 million).

The Mayor had to cover his tracks for the payments he had made to the consultant without the funds being approved by the City Council.

This amounted to some \$50,000 to \$60,000.

In spite of my many observations and statements to the council, Councilors George Bitas, Christopher Quatrone, and Ms. Thompson have continually stuck together like glue to prevent we, the people, from our legal rights to petition the council for a public hearing and for them to hold one for us. Obviously, the old boy/old buddy system rules the day in Agawam.

The records speak for themselves. The laws are clear. The Mayor shall not spend one cent without approval by the council. This is either by a majority vote or a two-thirds vote, depending on how the money is appropriated. Also, the Procurement Act states clearly that positive dollar values of funds for a consultant must be approved by the council.

I again ask the council - "When did you approve the appropriations and the spending of funds for this consultant by the Mayor?"

Right now, the public hearing has been scheduled for August 5th. This is when the whole story will be aired.

Sincerely,  
Valentine R. Moreno  
Agawam

## Elected Officials Must Be Careful With Their Statements

### To The Editor:

During his tenure on the Town Council, the late Walter Balboni was one of the strongest supporters of a new fire station. Many will remember that as a councilor, Mr. Balboni gave careful scrutiny to the issues before him and to the accompanying appropriations of the taxpayers' monies.

He followed this precept when reviewing a proposed amending of the fire station bond resolution to enhance its outward appearance with his customary questions and a brief commentary likening its construction to that of the Taj Mahal. His support of the fire station project never wavered for he fully recognized its importance to the public safety of the residents of Agawam.

Thus as a friend and colleague of Walter's, I was dismayed to read in a recent news item comments attributed to Town Councilor Quatrone that were critical of "councilors (who) have criticized the mayor for constructing a Taj Mahal." Walter gave 50 years of public service to the Town of Agawam, and I am sure he would be very pleased with the new fire headquarters on Main Street.

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A councilor, especially one with only 19 months of experience, would do well to have all his facts in order before issuing a public statement that misrepresents the actual circumstances. Elected officials must be very careful of public pronouncements that lack factual basis or that misstate the intent of others.

We citizens expect better from those entrusted with the leadership of our town.

Very truly yours,  
Joanne H. Willis  
Feeding Hills

## Agawam Is Interested In Structures At 511 School Street

To The Editor:

Richard Thomas  
Chair of Hampden County Commissioners  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Over the last few months, there has been talk about the demolition of 511 School Street. There are two structures on that location: one is a barn and the other is an approximately eight-room farmhouse. The Massachusetts Historical Commission in Boston has dated these structures to the year 1850.

Since the County farm has been abandoned, the house and the barn have also been abandoned. This abandonment has gone on for approximately six years and it is costing the County money to insure it and to maintain the grounds, and quite frankly, the County just doesn't have the resources to do a proper job.

The County, in February of 1995, filed a lawsuit against the people of Agawam regarding this specific parcel along with approximately 300 acres in the Town. The cost of the County bringing this suit and the cost to the Town of Agawam and its taxpayers to defend against the suit seems to be a fruitless effort in light of the Governor's proposal of reorganizing the County Government structure.

I would strongly suggest that during your budget cutting procedures, that instead of laying off County employees we could look at ending fruitless lawsuits that would save the County and the citizens of Agawam legal expense. I would suggest that the County Commissioners withdraw the lawsuit and transfer all of the property to the Town of Agawam that is in dispute in Superior Court.

The Town of Agawam is interested in this property to continue the tree farm service that they have initiated and we would look at the restoration of the house and the barn for historical purposes. I would strongly request that the County Commissioners at least deed to Agawam parcel two, containing roughly four acres of land, the house and the barn, contained in book 2008 page 385 so that the Town of Agawam can take the necessary steps to secure the buildings to protect them from any further deterioration and install fencing/gating to prevent illegal dumping.

I would ask that the County Commissioners act upon this request expeditiously to bring some closure to this matter and to preserve our history. This would be a nice addition to the central bike path that has been proposed as a point of interest along the trail that could contain County memorabilia and other items of historical interest.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Abe Kasparian  
Candidate for Hampden County Commissioner  
Agawam

## Agawam Library Appreciates Donations For Reading Prog.

To The Editor:

A most important key to the success of the Agawam Library's summer reading program is the weekly prize lottery drawing.

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The library staff extends thanks and appreciation to these families, businesses, and organizations for their civic spirit and generous gifts.

Sincerely,  
Jeanne Hofmann  
Eileen Chapman

## Feeding Hills Family Thanks EMTs & Town Police Officer

To The Editor:

My family and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Agawam Fire Department's EMTs and Police Officer Edwards for their quick and professional response to our home on the evening of April 10, 1996.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our family and friends for all their support, hundreds of cards and letters, flowers, gifts, phone calls, well wishes, visits, meals, and especially their prayers and love during this very difficult time for all of us. It would be impossible for us to thank everyone individually.

We would also like to thank all the nurses and doctors in Baystate Medical Center's ICU-Pod C (it is their skill and dedication that kept me alive with God's guidance). The excellent care and treatment from: the nurses and doctors on the sixth floor - Tower B (especially Shelly and Denise); and the nurses, therapists, nutritionists, and aides in Country Estates Nursing Home who continued to provide care until I finally returned home two weeks ago.

Thank you,  
Louie, Gail, Vinny, & Tony Russo  
Feeding Hills

## Loss Of County Control Is Not Worth The Financial Savings

To The Editor:

Governor Weld  
Attn: Mary Lee King  
Chief Policy Advisor  
State House  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Ms. King:

I was very concerned about the recent headlines in our local newspaper which read "Weld ax falls on Counties." I understand, as a candidate for this office, what the governor is attempting to accomplish: simply to make the function of government much more economical. As I

agree with the philosophy of being frugal with taxpayer dollars. I do not feel that the loss of the local control is worth the cost of the savings.

It is my concern, and the perception of many people West of 495, that whenever Boston decides a new policy for the Commonwealth, the maximum benefit of those policies is felt in Boston. While we are going through the political tug of war over the Counties to gain control of the purse strings, perhaps we should be talking of compromises that could avoid the all or nothing control of County Government.

I have spoken to the County Administrator from Franklin County, Jay DiPucchio, and have reviewed Section 567 of the agreement between Franklin County and the Commonwealth that he authored. I feel that there are many intriguing and positive points in this agreement that could possibly be adopted for use in a Hampden County agreement.

I see no problem with the Registry of Deeds and the Court buildings being turned over to the Commonwealth which together generate \$6.5 million per year in return for certain assurances from the Commonwealth such as:

1. That the current \$3.7 million spending measure which was approved by the State legislature that was vetoed by the Governor be reinstated and allow the spending measure to come to Hampden County.

2. That a new Courthouse to be constructed in Westfield on a site that was recommended by The Report Site Selection for West Hampden Courthouse Committee at 56 Elm Street. This Courthouse will be needed for the overflow from Springfield and the taxpayers of Westfield should not be compelled to bond their City to build a courthouse that was promised them by the Hampden County Commissioners.

3. That all employees of Hampden County that have received layoff notices will be reinstated through the transition stage and that all employee wages be reviewed and cost of living increases given and the appropriate funds be allocated. This will stimulate a positive morale and boost productivity during the transition period.

4. If there is going to be a downsizing, a severance package and a retraining service for those to be affected should be offered.

5. Retention of an elected treasurer who would oversee the retirement funds for the Cities and Towns within the County.

6. All unused County land to be abandoned to the host communities at no compensation should the host communities desire the land.

7. The Commissioners/Council of Governments Committee Members will retain local control of the services that Hampden County provides such as The Hampden County Counsel, purchasing department, highway engineer department, dog and animal control, the Holyoke and East Longmeadow home information centers, the energy and management service office, and printing department with the authority to charge for these services and retain the income as well as the allocation of State funding for these services. We should also have the authority to expand on these services as well as develop new services for the communities if it is economically feasible.

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8. The new body that would be created should be able to have quarterly reports of the cost to the Commonwealth for all County functions: the correctional division, the courthouses, the registry of deeds, and the judges and attorneys in the judicial branch. This would allow each commissioner/council member to speak intelligently when inquiries come in from the Cities and Towns and local constituents in each City and Town.

Based on the above considerations, it is my feeling that these should be compelling enough for both sides of this great debate to come to the table and negotiate a settlement as we approach the next century.

I would hope that the Governor will find time in his schedule to come to Hampden County and discuss the issues in an open session with the Commissioners so that a fair settlement can be reached for the local people of Hampden County as well as for the good of the Commonwealth.

I would pray that the Governor will set aside enough funds to at least meet the payroll of each County so that the employees do not become pawns in this issue.

Respectfully submitted by:  
**Abe Kasparian**

Candidate for Hampden County Commissioner  
Agawam

cc. Richard Thomas, Chair of  
Hampden County Commissioners  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103

## LEGAL NOTICE

## LEGAL NOTICE

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 1996, at 6:45 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of JANE BENERAKIS who is seeking a Special Use Permit in accordance with Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the creation of a second housekeeping unit at the premises identified as 599 SHOEMAKER LANE.

Ronald Hebert, Chairman

Published: July 18, 1996

For copies of his  
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## Keenan Supports Tax Incentives For Mutual Fund Industry

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to announce details of proposed legislation which guarantees the creation of over 11,000 jobs in the mutual fund industry over the next five years. The bill was released from the Committee on Taxation on July 20, 1996 with a favorable recommendation.

The bill aims to change the present tax code to a more competitive formula designed to continue industry growth and stimulate additional job creation. Strong accountability measures, with January 1, 1996 as a base, would secure a five percent employment growth rate each year until 2002. In addition, companies would be required to maintain employment levels in the sixth year.

Rep. Keenan has been working with representatives from the mutual fund industry to locate jobs in the greater Springfield area. "This legislation offers an excellent opportunity to expand job growth in Western Massachusetts," said Rep. Keenan. "Our initiatives will translate into a healthier Massachusetts economy."

The proposed legislation would change the formula for calculating corporate income tax for the mutual fund industry similar to the state's taxation of defense and manufacturing industries. The destination/single sales tax formula, used by only a few states, presently does not include strict performance standards.

The Massachusetts tax formula requires adherence to strict accountability measures involving job growth, which would serve as a safety net.

### Changes In The Corporate Income Tax Formula:

- Single Sales - movement towards a 100 percent "single sales" in determining income subject to Massachusetts corporate income tax rather than the traditional three-factor apportionment formula (25-percent property, 25-percent payroll, 50-percent sales). The new technique would be phased in over a two-year period.

- Destination Test - attributes sales tax to the state in which shareholder resides rather than where the sales activity took place.

### Job Growth:

- Guarantees five-percent job growth every year until 2002.

- Over 11,000 jobs guaranteed.

- Obligation to maintain employment levels in the sixth year.

### Job Growth Accountability Measures:

- Reversal of company's tax formula back to the three-factor apportionment formula if job commitment growth levels are not met over the six-year period.

- Requirement of job growth analysis to be included in annual tax return.

## Transportation Bond Bill, Route 187 Project Near Final Approval

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced the release of a Senate/House Conference Report on the Transportation Bond Bill, which gives final approval for up to \$3.5 million in funding for the Route 187 project in Agawam.

The final bond bill, which is expected to receive final Senate and House approval next week, will be combined with a partial bond authorization passed in May which initially authorized funding for road construction projects, including the 187 project. The Governor has indicated he will sign the new bond legislation, making the funds available for release.

"It is great news that the Route 187 construction project can move forward full speed ahead," Melconian said. "These roads are badly in need of repair and the funds will go a long way toward improving the roads in West Springfield."

Also included in the legislation is \$17.5 million for the riverfront development project along the Connecticut River in Springfield. The project will remove unwanted structures around the Basketball Hall of Fame, clearing way for construction of a railroad overpass connecting the Connecticut riverwalk and bikeway. Improvements to the riverwalk and bikeway path will hopefully attract more visitors to the area.

Melconian pushed for and received an amendment in the bill preventing the \$17.5 million from being released until the Hall of Fame agrees to a lease of not less than 99 years.

"The riverfront is an important area for residents and visitors to the Hampden District," Melconian said. "But the area is diminished without the Hall of Fame, and we must be convinced and assured that the facility will remain for the foreseeable future."

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# By George, Town To Rededicate George's Marker

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

More than eight decades ago, Town Clerk Henry E. Bodurtha accepted a marker memorializing George Washington's ride through Agawam on the way to take command of the Continental Army at Cambridge in 1775.

Members of the Mercy Warren Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution unveiled their commemorative marker at a dedication ceremony held on May 8, 1915 at River Road and Main Street.

Next week, the marker commemorating Washington's journey from Philadelphia to Cambridge to take command of the Continental Army will be rededicated in a ceremony echoing elements from the original ceremony.

Members of the Bodurtha family will again join members of the DAR, town officials, and town residents on Main Street to unveil the newly restored monument. As his counterpart did 81 years ago, Reverend Curt Fuller, pastor of the Agawam Congregational Church, will open the ceremony with an invocation.

The marker will be placed on the lawn in front of Thorpe's Office Supply on Sunday, July 21st, at 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson will accept the monument on behalf of the town.

A candidate for the Third Hampden District state representative seat, Robert Magovern of Agawam said it was his lifelong interest in history that prompted him to arrange for the restoration of the marker rather than his political aspirations.

"My family was there that day in 1915," Magovern said. "My mother was in the crowd and her cousin was the town clerk who accepted the plaque."

## Years Of Neglect And Deterioration...

Over the years, the marker site sank into neglect and many car accidents added to the deterioration of the memorial. Fearing the eventual destruction of the plaque, local historians had the marker removed six years ago and placed in storage at the Atlas Foundry on Industrial Lane in Agawam.

Magovern said a new stone mounting as well as the restoration work on the bronze plaque has been donated by Paul Galaska, owner of Atlas Foundry.

Set in a boulder and placed in the traffic island at River Road and Main Street, the bronze plaque commemorating the Washington Memorial Highway had been the focus of concern among local historians for more than 20 years.

Agawam Historical Society member Marilyn Curry said her group and the DAR Chapter that donated the monument worked to have the stone marker removed to be repaired and restored, but

## Applications Available To Take IRS's Special Enrollment Exam

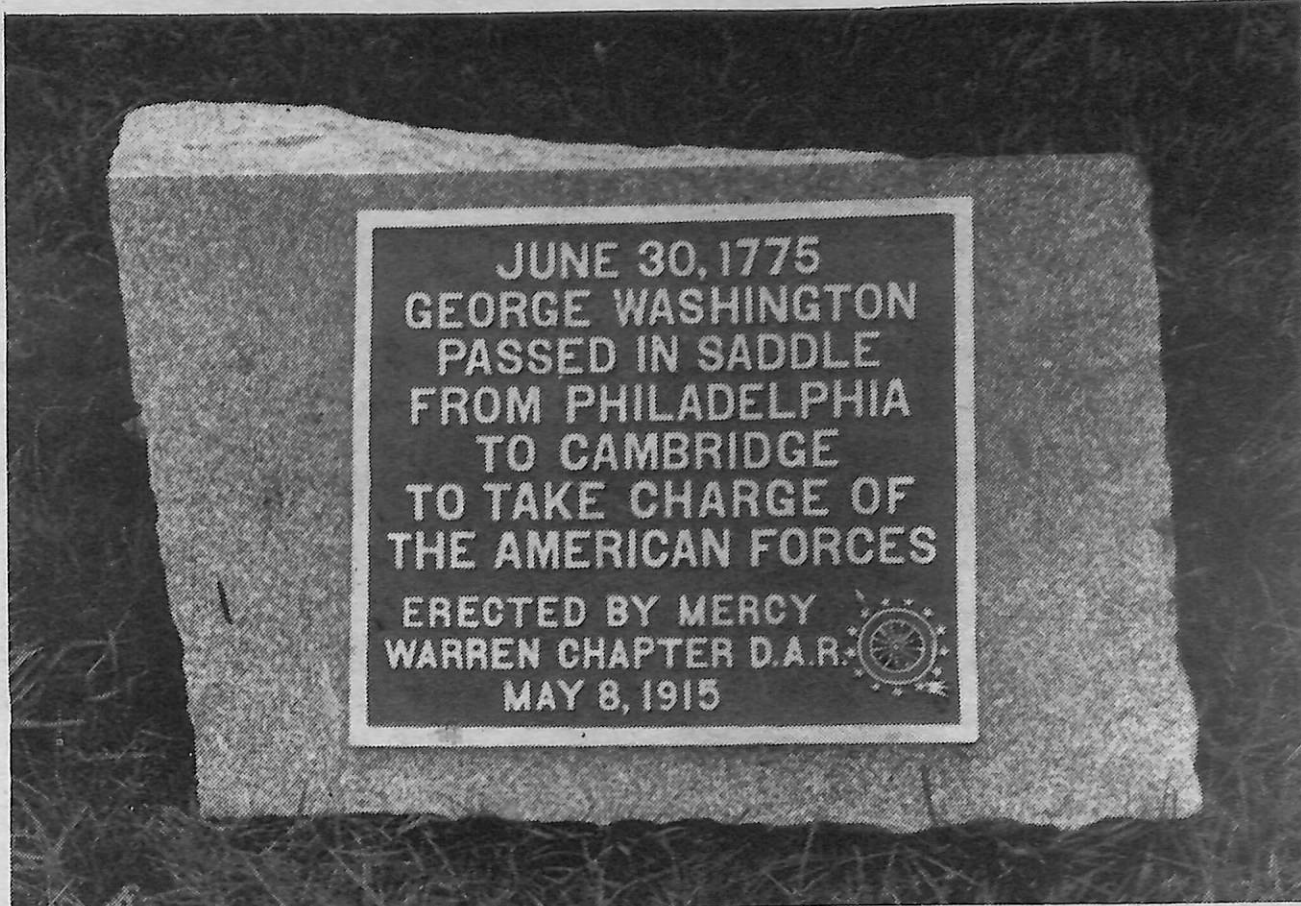
"Applications are now available for tax practitioners interested in taking the Internal Revenue Service's tax examination on federal tax law and ethics. The completed applications must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, July 31, 1996," said Francine Crowley, IRS District Director.

This examination is usually taken by tax preparers who are not attorneys or certified public accountants, who wish to represent their clients before the IRS on tax return audits and other tax matters. Tax practitioners must pass all four parts of the exam before they can apply for enrollment to practice before the IRS (enrolled agent status).

For persons who took and passed part of the examination over the last three years, the fee for taking the exam is \$45. The fee for those taking all four parts of the exam is \$55. The examination is scheduled to be held on September 26th and 27th. Applicants will be advised of their test location upon receipt of the materials confirming their registration.

Those interested in taking the examination can obtain Form 2587, *Application for Special Enrollment Examination*, from the IRS by writing to: Internal Revenue Service, JFK Building, Room 1100, Boston, MA 02203, ATTN: David Aronson, Special Enrollment Coordinator, or by calling (617) 565-4305.

The instructions to Form 2587 include several organizations which can provide free copies of prior year tests, complete with answers.



THE ABOVE PLAQUE TELLS THE STORY of George Washington's ride through Agawam en route to Cambridge to assume command of the Continental Army back in 1775.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

the project became "lost in the political shuffle."

"If I knew then what I know now, I would have pushed harder," Mrs. Curry said.

Brushing aside the bureaucratic process of endless meetings and discussions, Magovern said he took it upon himself to get the monument restored.

"My philosophy is to get the job done and beg forgiveness later," Magovern said. "This is not part of my political campaign. I just wanted to see this happen. Agawam means a lot to me and if you're going to take pride in your future, you've got to take pride in your past."

"I think it's great that the stone is being restored," Mrs. Curry said. "I don't think most school kids here have a clue that the first president of the United States went through town on his way from New York to Cambridge. And now with the new bike path being planned along Main Street, I'm hoping even more people will stop and see the marker."

Magovern said he was looking into restoring a second DAR plaque commemorating Washington's trip along Main Street on the way to dedicate the Springfield Armory. Originally set in a boulder and placed in the traffic island at Main and Federal Streets, the bronze plaque has been missing for years. Magovern said it would cost about \$1,000 to replace the plaque.

## State Rep. Keenan Endorses Bill For Technology Education

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan has announced his support of the Education Technology Bill. This legislation is designed to provide up to \$60 million for the expanded use of computers and information technology in the Massachusetts public schools.

Massachusetts ranks 39th in the nation in the number of classroom computers, with one computer for every 13 public schoolchildren. Most of these older computers lack hard drives, and only 27 percent have modems that allow them to connect to the Internet.

The state ranks 49th in computer networks that connect all computers within the school building. In addition, Massachusetts spends about \$6 per student on computer technology while other states average about \$10.

"We are taking the necessary steps to ensure that our students are not left behind in today's high-tech world," said Rep. Keenan. "The Commonwealth's future depends on an educated workforce with the skills to meet the demands of the global marketplace."

Under the bill's appropriations, the school districts will be able to expand and modernize their computer infrastructure while developing new educational programs that integrate technological innovations with the traditional curriculum.

The bill includes \$30 million in matching grants for local technology spending, \$12 million for Internet computer links, and \$9 million to modernize higher education libraries and networks.



ADMIRING THE REFURBISHED George Washington marker is resident Robert Magovern (center), and Paul Galaska (left) and Henry Sullivan of Atlas Foundry in Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Rep. Keenan Promotes Western Mass For Mutual Fund Jobs

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan and several of his western Massachusetts colleagues met recently with representatives of Fidelity Investments regarding job growth opportunities for the greater Springfield area. Proposed legislation aims to change the present tax code to a more competitive formula designed to continue the growth of the mutual fund industry and stimulate additional job creation.

Representative Keenan, as a member of the Taxation Committee, has been instrumental in the bill's formulation that guarantees the creation of 11,000 over the next five years.

"We are taking a pro-active role to cut the costs of doing business in Massachusetts to bring dollars and jobs to the state," said Rep. Keenan. "This is a win-win situation for both the mutual fund industry and the citizens of the Commonwealth."

The bill would change the formula for calculating corporate income tax for the mutual fund industry similar to the state's taxation of defense and manufacturing industries. The Massachusetts tax plan requires strict adherence to accountability measures involving job growth while other competing states do not require strict performance standards.

"The Pioneer Valley has a well-educated workforce and Springfield is considered to be one of the finest telecommunications centers in the world," stated Rep. Keenan. "We have the right features to attract this major growth industry to western Massachusetts, and we will promote this region as an excellent place to live and work," he concluded.

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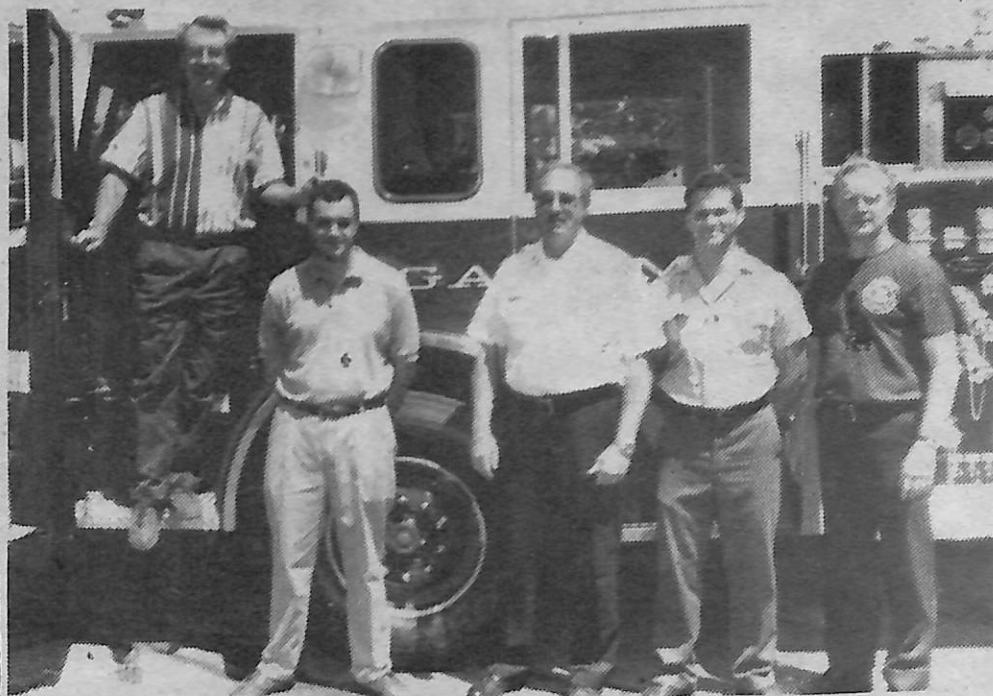
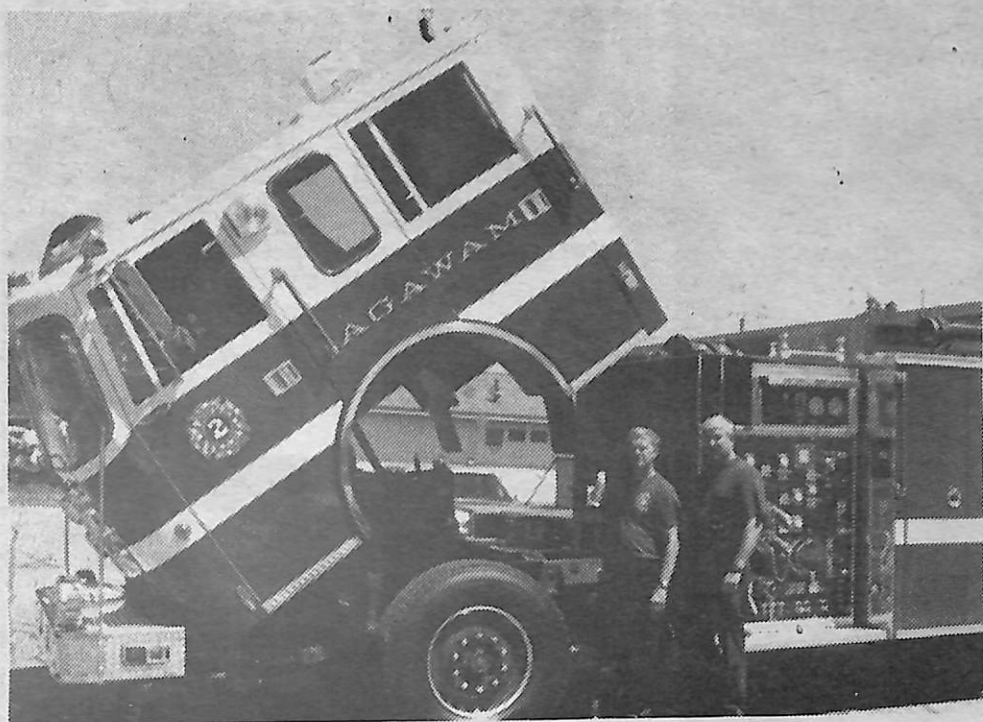
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## New Apparatus At The Agawam Fire Department



THE AGAWAM FIRE DEPARTMENT recently took delivery of two new fire engines. The two pumpers were built by the Pierce Manufacturing Co. of Appleton, Wisconsin. Each vehicle can pump 1,250 gallons of water per minute and carry more emergency and rescue equipment than the department's present pumpers. The two engines are expected to be in service toward the end of summer after all the department's members undergo training sessions and driver education. The department would like to recognize Firefighters Ray Pond, Randy Cushing, Vin Pietroniro, and Mechanic Bill Pelley for their work in developing specifications of the two engines to fit the needs of the community. **IN LEFT PHOTO:** Firefighter Ray Pond and Mechanic Bill Pelley. **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** Mayor Christopher Johnson, Town Councilor Christian Quatrone, Agawam Fire Chief David Pisano, EMT Scott Mitchell, and Firefighter Ray Pond. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### *Firewise* ... by Fire Chief David Pisano Awareness Is The Key To Fire Safety!!!

Fire is a powerful and destructive force that most of us don't understand, but think we can survive. If you're aware of how home fires start, you can take the necessary steps to prevent them.

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Home heating is also a major cause of home fires. It is important that you have your heating

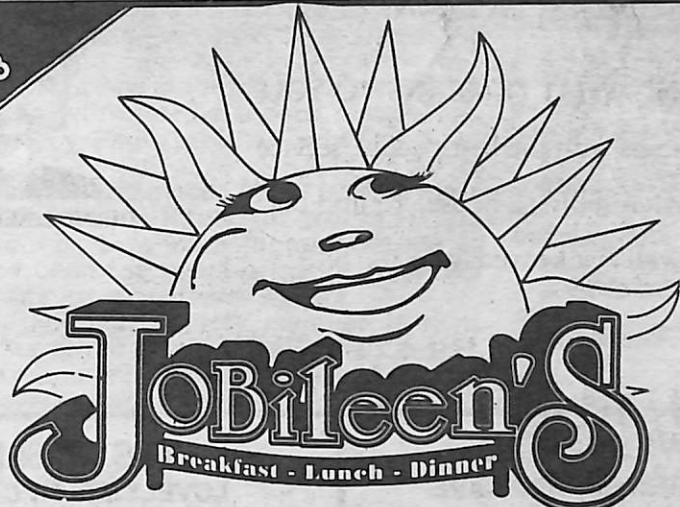
system inspected annually.

To keep the kitchen safe, make sure areas around the stove are kept free of grease build-up. If you have a fire on the stove, put a lid on it. Most important, you should remain in the kitchen if there is food cooking.

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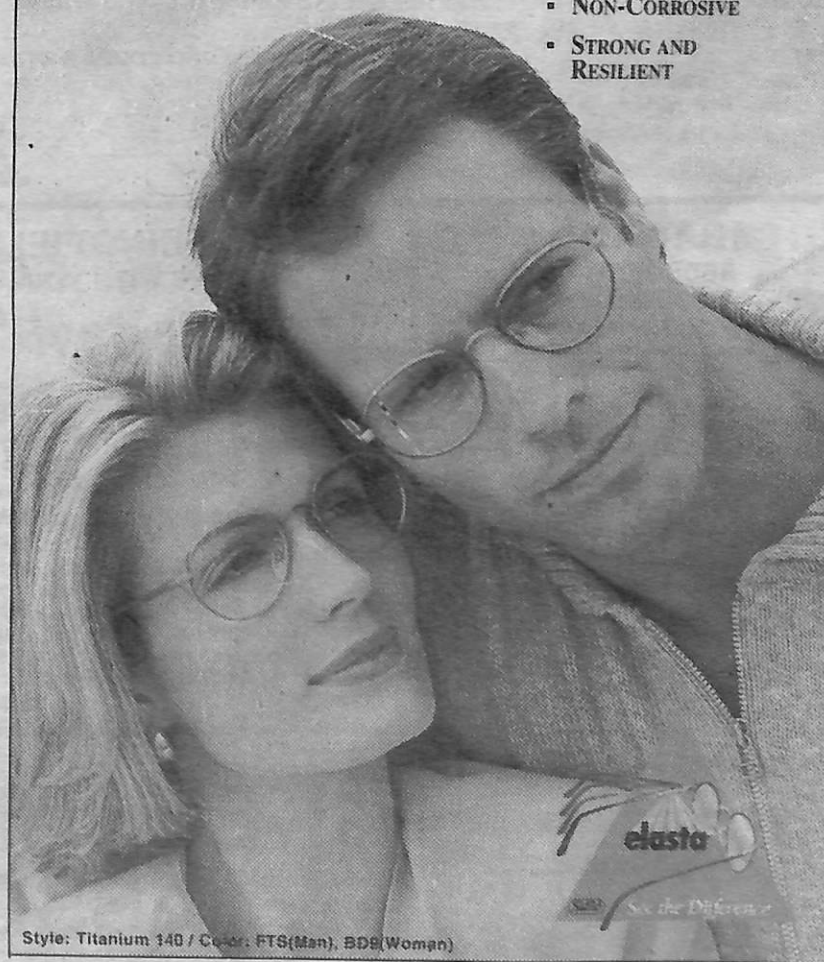
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by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Farm buildings dating from the 1850's could become the center of a recreational area combining picnicking, biking, and browsing through a collection of antique farm equipment and historical documents.

Hampden County Commission candidate Abe Kasparian of Agawam said the five-acre, county-owned parcel on School Street could be incorporated in the plans for the bike path along River Road and the farm buildings could be preserved as a museum for farm equipment.

Kasparian said he entered the County Commission race when he first learned that the county was planning to demolish the buildings in an attempt to cut maintenance costs.

Kasparian said he favors having the county turn over control of any land holdings to the local communities.

"I'm going to suggest that the County Commission turn over the five-acre parcel with the farm buildings to the town of Agawam and that the town then turn the buildings over to the Historical Society for a museum," Kasparian said.

For nearly 40 years, the federal style farmhouse and barn on School Street served as the nucleus of the prison farm that provided fresh produce to the inmates housed at the York Street Jail in Springfield.

Trustee prisoners worked on the farm until the new jail was built in Ludlow and transporting the inmates to the farm was no longer feasible.

Since the farm was abandoned, the house, which once was home to the prison warden, has fallen into disrepair, but the barn is in pristine condition, Kasparian said.

"We'd be foolish not to preserve these buildings," Kasparian said.

With the collapse of the chimney and the deterioration of the roof, the eight-room farmhouse would need repairs costing approximately \$7,000 to preserve the landmark and bring the building up to code, Kasparian said.

As one of the few farmhouses to survive the subdivision of the town for residential development, the two-story structure contains wide pine board flooring in excellent condition, ornate woodwork, and a level of workmanship indicating it was originally built by a prosperous farmer, Kasparian said.

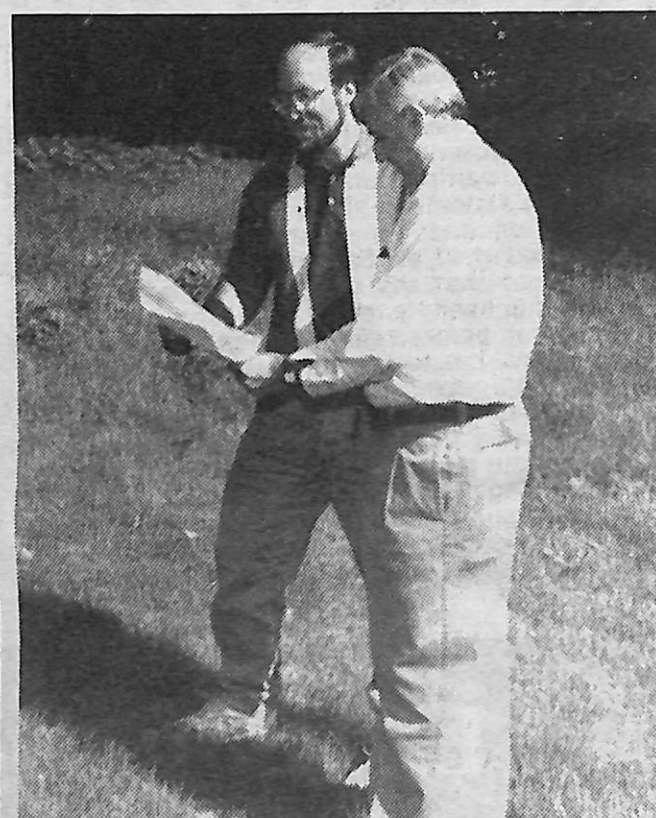
The barn features a full concrete basement and hand-trimmed wooden peg construction.

Although Hampden County records trace the farm back to Herman Lampe who owned the property in 1895, the homestead is shown on atlases dating back to 1855.

The property passed to Jerre Adams in 1903 and then into the Lerche family in 1913. In 1949, Myra M. Lerche sold the farm to the county.



**ABE KASPARIAN OF AGAWAM**, a candidate for Hampden County Commission, looks over plot plans of county land off School Street with **Frank A. Rueli, Jr.**, a County Highway surveyor. The old farm buildings on the property are slated to be demolished and Kasparian is proposing that the buildings be saved. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman  
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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 1996, at 6:30 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of RENEE HAMILTON who is seeking a Special Use Permit in accordance with Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the keeping of four horses at the premises identified as 11 MARLENE DRIVE.

Ronald Hebert, Chairman  
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## 'House Of Pain' Mistress In Suffield Pleads Not Guilty

by Joan Lussier  
Advertiser News Staff

Do you remember Buffalo Bob Smith of "Howdy Doody" fame? He would begin every show with "What time is it?", and the crowd would yell, "It's Howdy Doody time!" Well, guess what, folks? It's "Renee Jewel time" — once again.

On Thursday, July 11th, Jewel, 36, appeared outside of Enfield Superior Court with her attorney, Jon Schoenhorn.

Jewel exited court with a confident smile on her face, as her attorney told reporters, "She remains not guilty, regardless of the charges. There is no evidence of sexual activity. These are erroneous charges."

While sitting in the front row of the courtroom, Jewel rubbed the back of an unidentified companion as she sat before Judge Wendy Susco. Her attorney said she pleaded "not guilty" to the two charges of prostitution and the charge of possession of less than four ounces of marijuana.

Jewel turned herself in to Suffield Police on June 10th after an arrest warrant was issued for these alleged activities which took place at her 380 North Main Street, Suffield home.

Judge Susco granted Schoenhorn a continuance until August 8th, when a pretrial conference will be held.

Outside of the courtroom, Jewel told her attorney that she would like her gynecological examining table back, adding, "It would be nice to have my coffin back, too."

Wearing a flaming red wig and red, six-inch, spiked platform heels, Jewel addressed reporters who were waiting outside the building with the following statement: "I am a dominatrix. It is not prostitution, and it is just my lifestyle."

She added, "New England needs to grow up," and stated that the news coverage of her activities has been "a media circus."

However, before being whisked away by her attorney, Jewel turned to the news media who were there at the time (including *The Advertiser News*) and invited them to a "personal tour" of her dungeon after everything was over and when her "tools of the trade" had been returned to her.

### The "Saga" That Began This Past March...

The ongoing saga of Jewel began in March when Suffield Police responded to a domestic violence call at Jewel's rented 380 North Main Street home.



IN LEFT PHOTO: Renee Jewel exits Enfield Superior Court with her attorney, Jon Schoenhorn. Jewel pleaded "not guilty" to the charges. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Jewel addresses the media, saying, "I am a dominatrix. It is not prostitution, and it is just my lifestyle." Advertiser News photos by Joan Lussier.

The incident involved her live-in companion, John Cammuso, who had threatened her with a rifle. However, when police arrived, Cammuso had left the premises and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

On March 25th, Cammuso was arrested by Suffield Police for violating a protective order, first degree reckless endangerment, threatening, and criminal trespassing.

Cammuso gave the police vital information that ultimately led them to obtain a search warrant of the property. Suffield Police began a thorough investigation of her activities.

In an arrest warrant affidavit made public on Monday, July 8th, records reveal that not only were Suffield Police officials looking into Jewel's activities, but the IRS has begun their own investigation as well.

It has been reported that Jewel provided services that paid her between \$175 and \$250 for activities she provided to her clients as "sexual favors."

Her services, advertised in *The Valley Advocate*, allegedly provided Jewel with up to \$2,000 a week.

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**JEWEL - from Page 12...**

These services reportedly took place in the big red barn behind her home at 380 North Main Street, where reports state that items such as chairs, a gynecological examination table, a coffin, masks, costumes, an assortment of restraints, various leather items, and a wooden cross (among other items) were found.

The coffin reportedly was used for clients to be locked inside, sometimes for as long as a weekend, while Jewel supposedly whipped, spanked, and electrically shocked other clients.

**Two Men Provided Affidavits...**

During the Suffield Police investigation, two men came forward providing affidavits to the sexual activity they had paid for; one from New Milford had paid \$300 for a "painful session," while the other had paid \$175 and followed a ritual of domination that included removing his clothing, following signs, and even crawling across a floor to "suck on her toes."

While Jewel has admitted to her domination services in West Springfield's renowned "House of Pain" in 1994, no charges were ever filed by police authorities, and she has openly admitted to providing the same services at her rented 9 Elm Street, Enfield home last year.

Her lawyer contends that her activities in Suffield "are a matter of private activities between consenting adults."

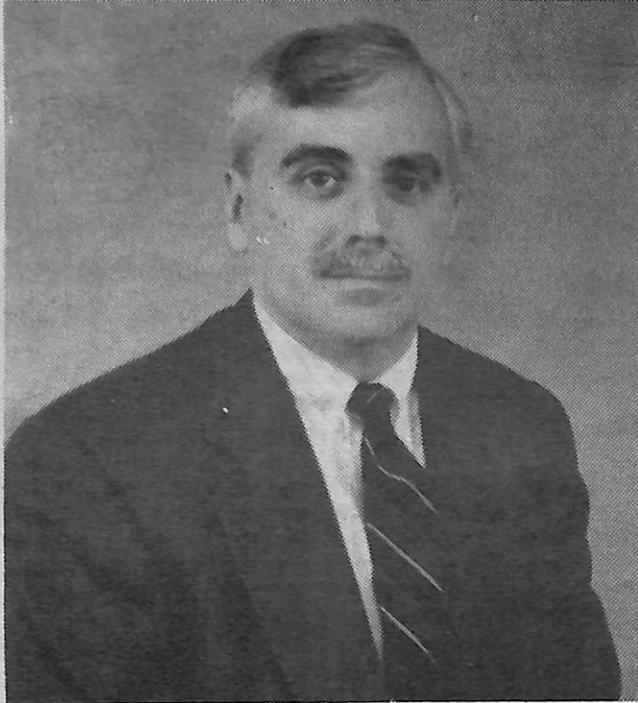
The main question still remains — will Connecticut law define any type of sexual favor that is paid for prostitution?

Perhaps the answer to that question may come on August 8th, when "the lady in red" may once again exit Enfield Superior Court, smile, and tell reporters, "It's just my lifestyle."

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AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman  
Agawam Conservation Commission  
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**ABE KASPARIAN, JR.****Agawam Democrats  
Endorse Kasparian**

The Agawam Democratic Committee has formally endorsed Abe Kasparian, Jr. for Hampden County Commissioner. The endorsement was given by local Democrats at their June 26, 1996 meeting.

Abe Kasparian is vying for one of two seats currently held by incumbents Richard Thomas and Thomas O'Connor. Abe Kasparian is the first candidate from Agawam to run for County Commissioner. There has never been a candidate or commissioner elected from the Town of Agawam in the history of Hampden County.

A lifelong Democrat who resides with his wife, Connie, on School Street in Agawam, Abe Kasparian has the willingness, ability, and vision to revitalize Hampden County government. Kasparian's integrity and creativity will help set the course to bring Hampden County into the 21st century.

The Committee urges all Democrats to support our choice for Hampden County Commissioner and go out and cast your vote for Abe Kasparian in the Democratic Primary, Tuesday, Sept. 17, 1996.

**State Senator Melconian Leads Support  
For Passage Of Hate Crimes Legislation**

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced the passage of a tough new law combatting hate crimes. The legislation would further protect people from perpetrators of hate crimes by punishing violence and vandalism.

The bill criminalizes the intimidation of an individual through the use of violence or vandalism to property because of that person's sexual orientation or disability. Current law, which has been in effect since 1983, created protection to the classes of race, color, religion, or national origin.

"Gay-bashing incidents and crimes are on the rise. This type of deplorable behavior must not go unpunished. This bill protects innocent people from being brutally injured simply because of who they are," said Melconian.

According to the Fenway Community Health Center's Victim Recovery Program, an organization which tracks gay-related hate crimes, 34 incidents were reported in 1988 and 234 were reported in 1994 in this state.

In addition to expanding the categories of in-

dividual protections, the bill increases the penalties of committing such heinous crimes to a felony when the battery results in bodily injury to a victim. The bill gives a judge the ability to order restitution in an amount up to three times the value of the property damage sustained by the victim.

Senator Melconian sponsored an amendment requiring any person convicted under this law to complete a diversity education program as the terms of the incarceration or as a condition of probation. The program would be funded by an assessment charged to the defendant of \$100.

"Hate crimes are thinking, premeditated crimes which stem from biases, illogical hatred, fear of the unknown, fear of dissimilarities, and lack of information," said Melconian. "The amendment I sponsored would be required of all defendants. The hope is that of rehabilitation."

The bill passed in the Senate awaits final enactment by both branches before the Governor signs it into law.

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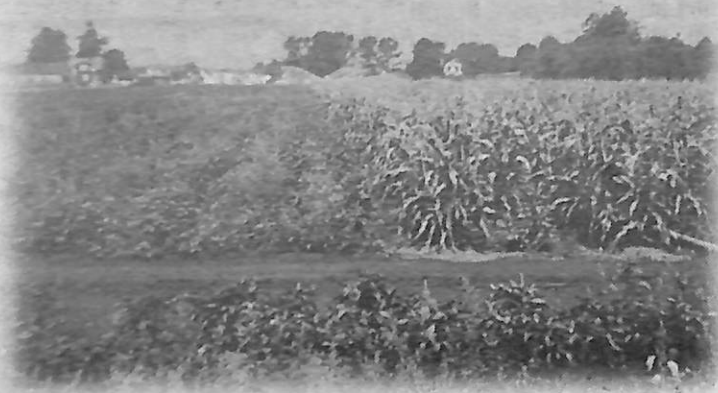
The calm before the storm. You've heard that expression before, but probably never before in this context. It's not really calm, but it's that short period of time after strawberry picking season when we're picking our own butter & sugar corn,

summer squash, raspberries, beans, lettuce, cukes, pickles, hot house tomatoes & peppers, etc., etc, but still waiting for the field tomatoes and peppers to ripen. (On Sunday, we found a few pink tomatoes out there. Hooray!)

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## — Agawam Obituaries —

### Dorothy M. Ackerman

Dorothy M. (McManus) Ackerman of 2456 Sable Ave., Deltona, Florida, formerly of Parker Street, Agawam, died in the Columbian Medical Center in Sanford.

She was a registered nurse and worked for Dr. Raymond F. Conway in Holyoke. Born in Worcester, she was a graduate of South High School there, and the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Springfield.

She was a Navy veteran of World War II and served two tours of duty as a nurse. She was stationed in the Chelsea Naval Hospital and served in Japan, and received the Navy Occupation Service Medal, for Korean service.

She lived most of her life in Agawam and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. She moved to Deltona in 1979. She leaves her husband, Richard J. Ackerman; a daughter, Debra Ackerman of Alexandria, Virginia; four sisters, Helen F. Brodeur of Townsend, Mass., Winifred M. Conway of Holyoke, Bernice C. Parrino of Bastrop, Louisiana, and Joanne Henderson of Eureka, California. A son, Patrick, died in 1967.

The funeral was held at the West Springfield Curran Jones Funeral Home, and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

### Mary C. Duval

Mary C. (Smidek) Duval, 81, of 55 Line St., Feeding Hills, a foster-parent in the 1940s and 1950s, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Springfield, she was a longtime Feeding Hills resident. Her husband, Robert E. Duval, died in 1984. She leaves a son, Robert E. of Feeding Hills; two daughters, Charlotte Cebula of Agawam, and Charlene Ouimet of Southwick; a sister, Frances Scully of Windsor Locks, Connecticut; five grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, followed by burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 393 Maple St., Springfield, MA 01105.

### Beverly A. Longey

Beverly A. (Forcier) Longey, 59, of 28 Hope Farms Drive, Feeding Hills, a 10-year inspector at West Springfield's K&M Electronics Co., died recently after a car accident.

She worked at the former Buxton Co. for 20 years. She was a communicant of St. Ann's Church in West Springfield.

She leaves her father, Arthur Forcier of Tennessee; two daughters, Deborah L. Mann of Westfield; two brothers, Ronald Forcier and Raymond Croteau of West Springfield; two sisters, Joan Newton of Chicopee, and Linda Tremblay of Brimfield; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted at St. David's Episcopal Church in Feeding Hills. Colonial Funeral Home was in charge.

### Naundice Houser

Naundice (BuDahn) Houser, 85, of 111 Elm St., Agawam, an accounting staffer for the town, died at Baystate Medical Center. She retired at the age of 72.

She was previously the coordinator of the school lunch program for 20 years. Born in North Freedom, Wisconsin, she attended Columbia University. She lived here for 52 years, and was an active member of the Congregational Church.

She leaves her husband of 59 years, John F. Houser; a son, John C. of Agawam; a daughter, Cathie Strniste of Suffield, Connecticut; a sister,

Frances Hitchcock of Manset, Maine; her twin, Wanda Shrey of Port Charlotte, Florida; eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Another son, James L., died in 1992.

A memorial service was conducted in the church. Colonial Funeral Home was in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Houser Memorial Fund, in care of the church at 745 Main St., Agawam, 01001.

### Elizabeth Kierkla

Elizabeth (Lizon) Kierkla, 51, of Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, a 17-year machinist at Smith & Wesson Corp., died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was a communicant of Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Springfield. Born in Gorlice, Poland, she came to America in 1961, and was a longtime Feeding Hills resident.

She leaves her husband, Chester Kierkla; two sons, Joseph of Agawam, and William of Monson; a daughter, Barbara Harrington of Westfield; her mother, Helena Lizon, and two brothers, John and Henry, all of Indian Orchard; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery at Suffield, CT.

Memorial contributions may be made to the BMC Children's Miracle Network, Springfield, MA 01119.

### Phyllis J. MacDougall

Phyllis J. (Campbell) MacDougall, 57, of 33 Walnut St., Agawam, a teller at the former Third National Bank's Westfield branch, died at Springfield's Baystate Medical Center.

She worked previously at Speed & Hegeman Real Estate of West Springfield. Born in Springfield, she spent most of her life in West Springfield and was a communicant of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

She moved here four years ago. Her husband, James MacDougall, died in 1980. She leaves her mother, Lillian G. (Setchell) Campbell of Agawam; a brother, Thomas R. of Westlake Village, California; an aunt, Helen Geoffrion, with whom she lived; two nephews; and three cousins, including Kenneth R. Chandler of West Springfield.

The funeral was at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial at Hillcrest Park Cemetery, Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church building fund, Elm Street, West Springfield, 01089.

### Anthony J. Lessard

Anthony J. Lessard, 54, of 113 Somers Road, Hampden, a 13-year countertop fabricator for Keystone Plumbing Co. of Springfield, died at the city's Baystate Medical Center.

He also was a 21-year Eastco Hand Tools Co. employee. Born in Hartford, he lived in Feeding Hills, Agawam, and Springfield before moving here 10 years ago. He was a Navy veteran and a communicant of Our Lady of Hope Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Edwina F. Hervieux; a son, Paul A. of Marlboro; two daughters, Gail M. Lessard of Westfield, and Pamela A. Lessard of Springfield; a brother, Henry R. of Dalzell, South Carolina; two sisters, Judy Thomaier of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Mary Mather of West Springfield.

The funeral was at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 53 Bliss St., Springfield, MA 01105.

## Intervenor Status Is Granted To Opponents Of Berkshire Power

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Opponents of the plan to site a power plant on Moylan Lane have been granted the right to have their day in court.

On Monday, Superior Court Judge Bertha Josephson granted a motion filed on behalf of a group of 15 abutters seeking intervenor status in the case of Berkshire Power's successful appeal of the Zoning Board of Appeals denial of a special permit for the project last January.

Representing the opponents of the power project, attorney Gina Letellier said a notice of appeal was filed on Monday challenging Judge William Welch's decision granting summary judgment to Berkshire Power.

"I think we're finally going to have someone fighting on behalf of the property and business owners," Ms. Letellier said. "We'll be able to make arguments that weren't made by the town's attorney."

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, who argued the town's case against granting intervenor status to the power plant opponents, said he could not comment on Judge Josephson's decision until the ruling was issued in writing. Verbal notice only was given of the judge's decision.

Ms. Letellier said she expected no decision in the appeal before the end of the summer.

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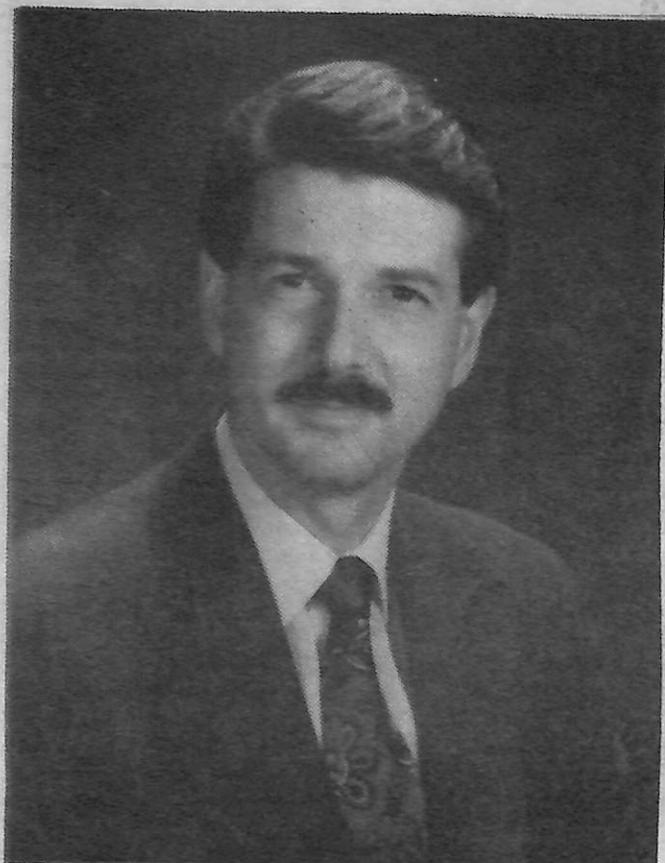
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## Meet The Council On Aging

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Beginning this week, *The Agawam Advertiser News* will profile a member of the Agawam Council on Aging as a public service to the Agawam Senior Center. The COA is an all-volunteer board comprised of community representatives who are appointed by the Mayor. The July profile is PETER FORASTIERE.

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Peter Forastiere, an Agawam resident for 21 years, is chairman of the Agawam Council on Aging and its Building and Capital Improvement Committee.

Peter is funeral director of Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home on Main Street, Agawam. He is on the board of directors of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce and is a member of Agawam UNICO and Agawam Lions Club.

Peter has always been concerned for the welfare of the elderly and is proud to serve on the COA and be part of the continued effort to enhance the quality of life for Agawam's senior citizens.

## Upcoming Activities And Events At The Big E Fairgrounds

On Saturday, July 27th, young people will come together to display their agricultural knowledge at this year's Hampden County 4-H Fair in the Mallory Complex on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition — "The Big E" — in West Springfield, MA. The fair will run from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and it is free and open to the public.

History will come alive for children, ages seven to 12, when they take part in Storowton Village's Early American Summer Days. Children will take part in candle dipping, sheep shearing, fireplace cooking, games from long ago, and more. There will be two five-day sessions, August 5th-9th and August 12th-16th, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost of each session is \$110. For more information and registration, call Dennis Picard at (413) 787-0136.

The East Coast Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show, August 9th-11th, is a treat for anyone who's interested in geology, earth sciences, paleontology or jewelry. With 125 dealers, this is the largest show of its kind in the east. There's something for everyone in the family with nationally known speakers and 50 museum quality displays. Kids can pan for gold and get a free mineral sample. The show will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission for a three-day pass is \$5 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and students 13-18. Children, 12 and under, are admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

CraftAdventure '96, August 23rd-25th, is the place to be for craft lovers of all ages. This showcase of fine fabric and fiber artistry, held in the New England Center, will feature a special presentation by Connecticut fiber artist David Eugene Bell and entries from this year's special theme category, "The Diamond Jubilee," in celebration of the 75th anniversary of The Big E. Show hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 for adults and free for children under 12. Special rates are available for groups of 15 or more.

This summer's hot at the Eastern States Exposition, and it doesn't stop there. This fall, The Big E will have the mercury rising as "New England's Fall Classic" celebrates its 75th anniversary with an expected attendance of more than one-million visitors and a 17-day lineup of the best in entertainment, agricultural contests, and educational exhibits, September 13th-29th.

## Littleville Community Fair Scheduled For August 2nd Thru 4th

The Littleville Community Fair is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. The fair will be held August 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, and it will take place at the fairgrounds in Chester, MA.

For further information, please call (413) 296-4354 (or [413] 667-3193 after August 1st) and ask for Donna.

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## Utility Recognized



FOR THE SECOND YEAR, Berkshire Power adopted the town planter located at the foot of Elm Street at Main Street, Agawam Center, and this year contributed \$75 towards the cost of flowers planted by the Agawam Beautification Committee. Beautification member Helen Lawrenchuk and Berkshire Power employee Joann McGeoghan are pictured above. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Sam & Mary Provo To Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Sam and Mary Provo of 53 Highland Avenue, Agawam will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary July 20th. They were married in St. John the Evangelist Church, Agawam, July 20, 1946.

Sam is a retired fireman of the Agawam Fire Dept. Mary, the former Mary Hathaway, was a clerk in the Agawam Center Post Office under Postmaster Mary Brady.

They are the parents of three children; Sam Jr., Diane, and Cathy, and the grandparents of Jacelyn and Stephanie.

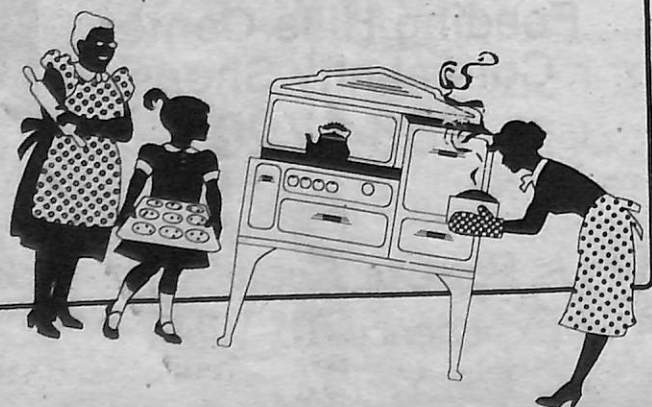
They will celebrate with their family at the home of their son and daughter-in-law in Easthampton, Mass.

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## St. John Is Part Of U.S. Force In Romania

Agawam native Jordan P. St. John was one of a select group of American soldiers sent this summer to Romania. This was the first time since World War II that U.S. forces have been in the former Communist block nation.

St. John is a sergeant in the Massachusetts National Guard and one of several dozen Army and Air National Guard members in Task Force Leul (lion in Romanian) who took part in the United States/Romanian joint-mission titled "Cornerstone '96."

His mother, Nan St. John, and brother, George A. St. John, live in Feeding Hills. St. John, his wife, Kathryn, and their daughter, Emma, 20 months, currently reside in West Newton. Another daughter, Lisa, 20, is a student at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas (UNLV).

St. John is the external affairs director of the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) and has held several positions in the Administration of Governor William F. Weld, including that of director of the Commonwealth's office of Federal/State relations in Washington, D.C. He formerly was employed by WWLP Channel 22 and WGGB Channel 40.

St. John, a member of the 65th Press Camp Headquarters of the Massachusetts National Guard based in Danvers, MA, and the other Army and Air National Guardsmen and women selected from units across the United States, provided humanitarian services in a joint, combined engineer exercise with Romanian Army engineers to promote the NATO-sponsored "Partnership for Peace" program.

St. John worked with Guard teams comprised of carpenters, plumbers, electricians, masons, welders, and various other building trades specialists. The teams began their 19-day rotations in Romania on June 1st and will finish in late July.

The team members are Combat Engineers from Alabama's 1169th Engineer Group and the 187th and 117th Civil Engineer Squadrons. They worked shoulder-to-shoulder with construction teams from Indiana's 81st Troop Command, 38th Infantry Division, 181st Civil Engineer Squadron, and soldiers of the Romanian Army and Navy.

The joint-nation, joint-state renovated Casa Speranta, an orphanage for HIV-positive children, Holt International Children's Services and Day Care Facility, and a Romanian military hospital. All three projects were in the port city of Constan-

ta, in the southeast corner of Romania along the Black Sea.

"The time here has been incredible," said St. John. "The Romanian people hunger for democracy and are eager for assistance and guidance from the U.S. as they build their nation. Being part of this first U.S. mission under the NATO Partnership for Peace program was a once in a lifetime opportunity and something that I'll never forget. It was a humbling and rewarding experience to be a small part of an effort to help the children of Romania."

Marolen Mullinax, Director of Casa Speranta, said, "This operation struggles along on grants from the Romanian government and some charitable contributions of a small group of kind Americans. We believe that children belong in a home rather than an institution and that every child should be given the opportunity to live as normal a life as possible among people who love that child. The work and attention given by the National Guard men and women here will make an enormous difference in these lives of children who may only have a few, short years of life."

The basic mission of Joint Task Force Leul was to upgrade the three facilities to make living conditions more pleasant. The work included renovating bathrooms, installing ceiling fans, smoke detectors, and window screens, repairing and painting floors, walls and ceilings, and installing playground equipment.

One visiting U.S. Defense Department official said that the real substance of the work was far more than bricks and mortar. "I think that what it has done for the orphanage, the day care center, and the hospital is great," said Todd Weiler, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Reserve Affairs, Mobilization, Readiness, and Training. "One of the best results of this effort is that American National Guard men and women and the Romanian people got to see that we're all basically the same. We just want to take care of our children and live in peace. And this mission has demonstrated that servicemen and women are real ambassadors for America, using our technology and know-how, not weapons, to win friends around the world."

The 243 National Guard members who volunteered for the humanitarian mission in Romania came from Alabama, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, and Utah.



JORDAN P. ST. JOHN

## Fitness First Seniors To Hold Yard Sale On Sunday, July 28th

Fitness First's senior group, called "Young At Heart," will be having their first annual Yard Sale on Sunday, July 28th, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Yard Sale will be held in the parking lot at Fitness First (60 North Westfield Street), with all proceeds going to the Westfield Battered Woman's Shelter in memory of Vicki Sleeper.

Vicki Sleeper was an employee at Fitness First who was a victim of fatal domestic violence three years ago. Vicki initiated the "Young At Heart" group at Fitness First in 1990.

The senior group feels that it is important to continue to keep her spirit alive with donations to area shelters in hopes that they may contribute to saving another woman's life.

Please show your support and see what great bargains you can find among the "Young At Heart" Yard Sale!

## John Klebes Of Feeding Hills Donates Cars To Massachusetts Special Olympics

Feeding Hills resident John Klebes donated his unwanted cars to Massachusetts Special Olympics. Thanks to his generosity, Feeding Hills resident Cathy Rahilly, and over 2,000 other athletes

from throughout the State were able to compete in the 26th annual Summer Games.

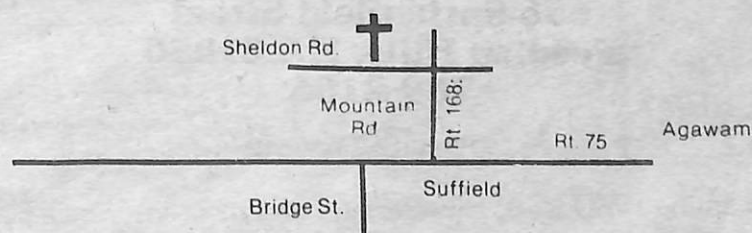
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## Katelyn Cyrankowski Wins Titles At Various Baby Pageants

Katelyn Cyrankowski of Holyoke has had a successful pageant season, and family and friends of Agawam are proud!

In April, Katelyn won the title Baby USA Face of '96 in the Olympic Miss Baby Pageant held at the Tremont House in Boston. On May 5th, she competed in the Golden Crown International held at the Holiday Inn in Worcester and won first in Beauty-Formal, first in Sportswear, and third in Photogenic.

On June 2nd, Katelyn won the overall title in the Baby division of the Miss Connecticut Valley Pageant held at the Parwick Center in Chicopee.

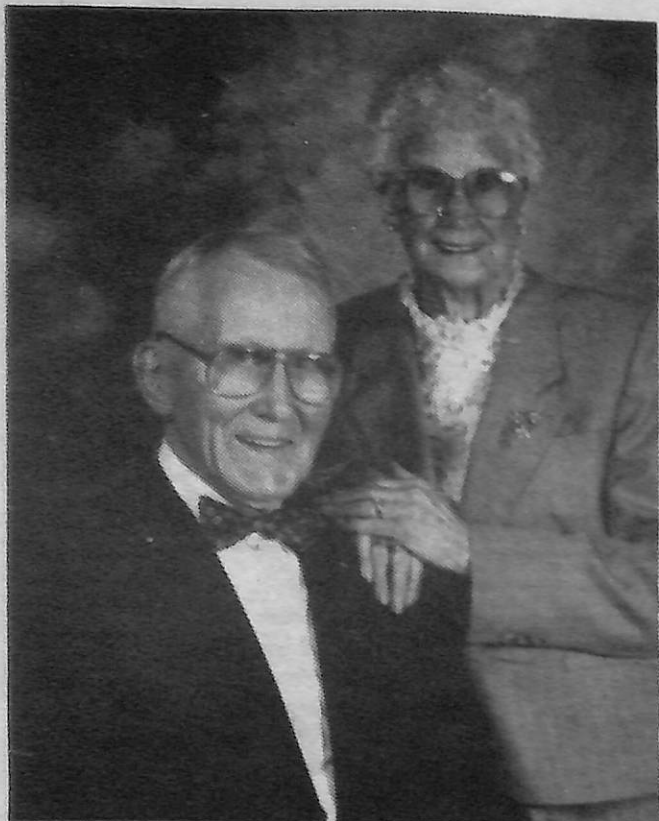
As a result of her success, Katelyn will be going to the Golden Crown National Pageant held in Niagara Falls, August 21st-23rd. She will compete in Formal, Sportswear, Swimwear, Photogenic, Nautical and Western wear for a \$1,000 savings bond as well as trophies and prizes.

Katelyn is sponsored by Allyn & O'Donnel, Archie's Sportswear, and Sears. She is still seeking tax-deductible sponsors to offset her expenses.

Katelyn is represented by the Model Club Inc. of Rhode Island.



KATELYN CYRANKOWSKI



CLEMENT AND DOT HOBBS

## Mr. & Mrs. Hobbs Celebrate 65th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Clement Hobbs of Agawam celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with friends at Meadowbrook Manor on July 2nd.

The Hobbs were married July 1, 1931 in Pittsford, Vermont.

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BABY KATELYNN E. NARDI

## Nardi Family Announces Birth Of Daughter, Katelynn

Gary and Susanne Nardi of Agawam have announced the birth of their daughter, Katelynn E. Nardi. She was born on May 16th and weighed five pounds, 15 ounces, and measured 19 inches long.

The maternal grandparents are Dave and Dolly LaFleur. The paternal grandparents are Gary and Darilynn Nardi.



AIRMAN JAMES M. WHEELER

## James M. Wheeler Graduates From Basic Training

Air National Guard Airman James M. Wheeler has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Wheeler is the son of James M. and Joan Wheeler of 75 Valley Brook Road, Feeding Hills.

The airman is a 1986 graduate of Agawam High School.

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## Child-Care Providers In Agawam Invited To Public Library For Summer Reading

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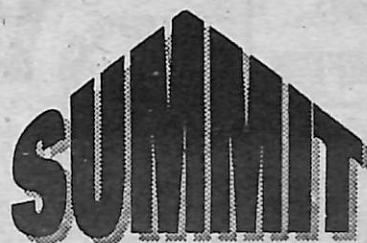
Call the library at 789-1550 and ask for Eileen or Jeanne. Tell us the ages (and any special interests) of your youngsters, and we'll prepare a package of age-appropriate books, reading logs,

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## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, July 22nd:** Vegetable soup, chicken outlet on a roll, tomato and lettuce salad, potato puffs, canned peaches.

**Tuesday, July 23rd:** Pork chop, mashed potato, summer squash, rye bread, cookie.

**Wednesday, July 24th:** Open-faced turkey sandwich, stuffing with gravy, broccoli, applesauce.

**Thursday, July 25th:** Juice, stuffed shells, tossed salad, Peter's bread, lemon pudding.

**Friday, July 26th:** Baked fish, oven fries, peas, wheat bread, pineapple.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

## Capt. Daniel W. Davis Decorated With Meritorious Medal

Air Force Capt. Daniel W. Davis has been decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal.

The medal is awarded for outstanding non-combat meritorious achievement for service to the United States.

Davis is assistant professor of aerospace studies at California State University, Sacramento, California.

He is the son of Golda E. Button of Rural Route 1, Norwich, New York.

His wife, Judith, is the daughter of Lester H. Eldridge, Sr. of Blandford, Mass. and Rosalind Alford of 37 Simpson Circle, Agawam.

The captain is a 1977 graduate of Norwich Senior High School, and a 1986 graduate of the University of Central Florida, Orlando. He earned his master's degree in 1993 from Western New England College, Springfield.

## Lana Quintal Enjoys Much Success In Performing Arts

Lana Quintal, a 1992 graduate of Agawam High School, received a bachelor of fine arts degree in musical theater/drama on May 12, 1996 from the College of Visual and Performing Arts, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York.

Lana's performing credits over the past two years include, "A ... My Name Is Alice," (a musical comedy for which she received an Irene Ryan Award nomination); the Irish drama, "Dancing At Lughnasa" by Alan Friel; "That Is To Love," an original musical (including the production of the original C.D. cast recording); and also performances in the Director's Circle Cabaret at Syracuse Stage, the Downstairs Cabaret in Rochester, New York, and the Syracuse University Alumni Cabaret. During this time, Lana also studied abroad in London, England.

Lana has also done several commercials and voice-over work for a children's book recording of "Dealing With Dragons" as Princess Alianora, written and directed by Bruce Coville, a prominent author of children's books.

From May 15th-25th of this year, Lana portrayed "Grizelda" the witch in the original professional production of "The Dragon Slayers" at Syracuse Stage (which was a musical fairy tale adapted from the popular children's book "The Dragon Slayers" by author Bruce Coville). An original cast recording CD has been produced for this play, also.

Lana is currently appearing in Kander and Ebb's "And The World Goes Round," a musical review, which runs from July 17th-27th at the Cortland Repertory Theater in Cortland, New York.

Lana is a professional singer, actress, and dancer and a member of the "Actors Equity Association." She will be residing in New York beginning in August to pursue her career, where she has been signed by the prestigious Fifi Oscar Talent Agency in Manhattan. Lana is the daughter of David and Kim Quintal of South Street in Agawam.

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LANA QUINTAL

## Chapter 5 Of The Eastern Star To Hold "Penny Social"

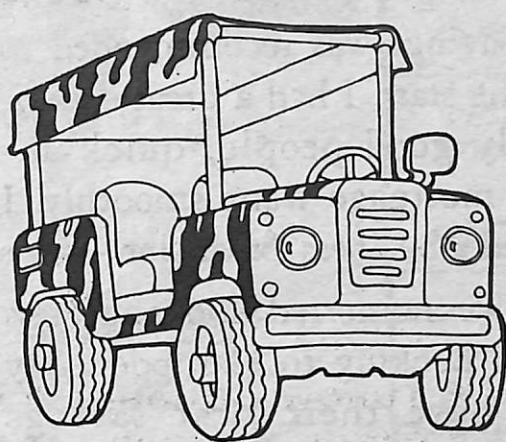
Golden Chapter 5, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold a Penny Social on Saturday, July 20th, at 7:00 p.m. This event is open to the public and will be held at the Westfield Masonic Temple, 72 Broad Street, Westfield.

Please join us for a fun-filled evening. There will be a wonderful selection of gifts, and refreshments will be served.

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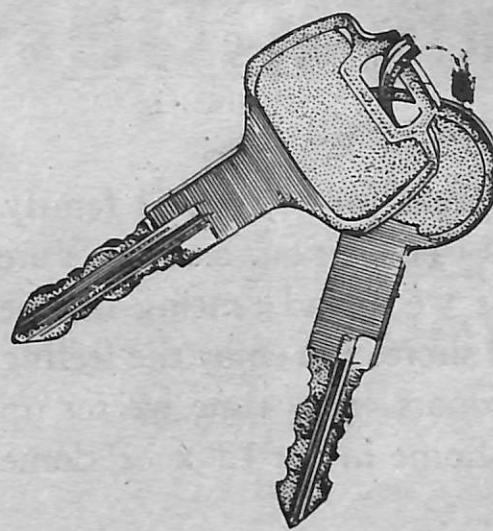
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# Church News

## Calendar Of Events At St. David's Church

JOIN THE PEOPLE OF ST. DAVID'S CHURCH AS THEY CELEBRATE THE NEW LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST in worship services July 20th-21st.

The church offers a quiet, contemporary service Saturday at 5:00 p.m., and a dignified traditional service Sunday at 8:00 a.m., both held at the Church Building at 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

A praise and renewal service is held Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at the Agawam Middle School, used temporarily while we build new facilities at 697 Main Street, next to the Police Station.

The later service features a Summer Sunday School program for those in grades K-4, and nursery care for smaller children Kindergarten and under. This service is also interpreted for the deaf.

This week's services will feature a sermon by the Pastor, the Rev. Len Cowan. St. David's welcomes visitors at all of its worship services.

**A SUMMER STUDY FOR WOMEN**, led by St. David's parishioner, Lynn Gioranino, meets on Tuesdays at the Church Building from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., studying the book, "Taming the Tongue." Contact the parish office (786-6133) for information. Child care is available.

**A BIBLE STUDY FOR SENIORS** also meets on Tuesdays at the Church Building from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. The parish office can provide further details.

**RELAX, FELLOWSHIP, AND LEARN TOGETHER** with others at the "Pool and Praise" gatherings on Tuesdays in July at the Fernalds home in Longmeadow. Pool & Food from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.; Singing from 7:00 to 7:15 p.m.; Study and Prayer from 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. Further information can be obtained by calling 786-6133.

**A CLASS IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE** for the deaf is being taught Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Albrights' home in Agawam. Call the parish office for information.

**THE MEN OF ST. DAVID'S MEET SATURDAYS** at the Church Building from 7:00 to 8:15 a.m. to enjoy one another's company, to study the Bible, and to pray for one another. Further information or registration may be obtained by calling the Parish Office at 786-6133.

## Valley Community Welcomes New Members



GARY & EVELYN WINN, BETTY CASSIDY, and DANIEL HEBERT are the newest members of Valley Community Church. The congregation celebrated their membership during Fellowship Hour following a recent Sunday service.

## Special Music Presentation On July 21st At Harvest Assembly Of God Church

Singer Rick Dougherty from Sarasota, Florida will be ministering in special music on Sunday, July 21st, 6:00 p.m., at Harvest Assembly of God Church at 121 Union Street in West Springfield (near the I.H.O.P. restaurant).

Rick travels with his wife and family, and offers a wide variety of musical styles, from contemporary southern gospel to modern. His unique ministry offers something for all ages and tastes while allowing its listeners to enter into worship.

The songs and testimony will also bring a challenge to the heart.

He is a veteran singer who has appeared on numerous television and radio programs, such as 100 Huntley (Canada) and Dove Broadcasting.

Travelling both nationally and internationally, Rick is described as a "powerful voice with a powerful message."

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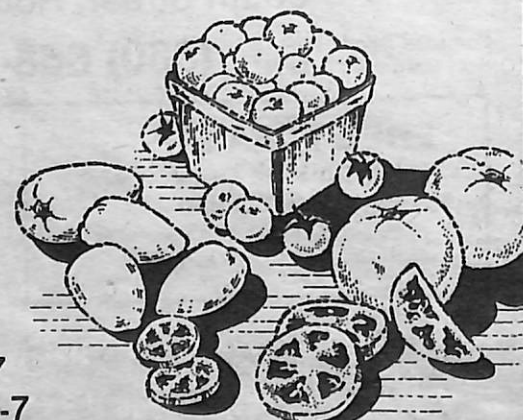
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## "The Parable Of The Weeds"

If there is a God and He is good, how is it that there is such evil in the world? This is one of the favorite questions skeptics like to ask of Christians, as well as the reason some people who have been hurt by life don't believe in God.

Jesus addressed the challenge of the problem of evil in what is known as the Parable of the Weeds.

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like what happened when a farmer scattered good seed in a field. But while everyone was sleeping, an enemy came and scattered weed seeds in the field and then left. When the plants came up and began to ripen, the farmer's servants could see the weeds.

"The servants came and asked, 'Sir, didn't you scatter good seed in your field? Where then did these weeds come from?' 'An enemy did this,' he replied. His servants then asked, 'Do you want us to go out and pull up the weeds?' 'No!' he answered. 'You might also pull up the wheat. Leave the weeds alone until harvest time. Then I'll tell my workers to gather the weeds and tie them up and burn them. But I'll have them store the wheat in my barn.'"

Jesus' disciples did not understand His parable, so He explained it to them. He said, "The one who scattered the good seed is the Son of Man (a title Jesus applied to Himself). The field is the world, and the good seeds are the people who belong to the Kingdom. The weed seeds are those who belong to the evil one, and the one who scattered them is the devil. The harvest is the end of time, and angels are the ones who bring in the harvest."

With this parable, Jesus said the ultimate cause of evil in the world is God's arch-enemy, the devil. Jesus said evil originates with the devil, and then it infects people. When God created mankind, people started out being good. But then, the Bible describes a day when Satan appeared and tempted our original ancestors to rebel against their Creator. That has been the devil's game plan ever since.

With this parable, Jesus gives us more than a history lesson. He also gives us a stern warning. The stern warning is that time and history are heading towards a conclusion.

Life is not perpetual. We will all die someday, and there will come a time when life on this earth will not continue as it does today.

Are we ready for such events? If the world or our life ended today, are we sure we would go to heaven, that we are among the wheat? If not, now is a good time to get ready for the harvest by accepting Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Jesus also gives His people cause for hope with this parable. We can trust that God does in fact have everything under control, even though from time to time it may not feel like that is so.

As it says in the Book of Romans, "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For in this hope we were saved."

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News And Notes From  
F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Sunday School for adults begins at 9:00 a.m. Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Donaldson's sermon at that time will be "Gardening."

Children are welcome to attend church with their parents, leaving at the designated time for a planned activity; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

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A special place for healing, celebration, and commitment to nonviolence is being created at Warner Farm. There is a stone table behind which will be built a stone wall using stones from each UCC church in the western area.

If you are a person from this church who would be interested in selecting or placing this stone in the wall, please speak to Rev. Donaldson. Sunday, September 15th, has been selected as a day of dedication and celebration at Warner Farm.

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The final session of Vacation Bible School will be held at the church on Saturday, August 17th. Participants will enjoy an outdoor hike, sleep over at the church, and outdoor worship service on Sunday, August 18th.

Please use the sign-up sheets in Griswold Hall if you plan on enjoying the fun (or helping to provide it!). If you have any questions, call Melinda, 789-1463, Chris, 789-9606, or speak to any member of the Board of Christian Education.

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Rev. Donaldson will be away on vacation from July 27th until August 10th. Rev. Richard Rangoon will be filling in for him.

Rev. Rangoon is a semi-retired pastor who specializes in nursing home care and Alzheimer's disease.

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On the calendar this week:

**Sunday, July 21st:** 9:00 a.m., Adult Sunday School; 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship; 5:00 to 7:30 p.m., Crossroads Christian Fellowship.

**Tuesday, July 23rd:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.

**Thursday, July 25th:** 5:30 p.m., Volleyball.

**Friday, July 26th:** Rev. Donaldson's day off.

**Saturday, July 27th:** Rev. Donaldson's vacation begins.

Guest Preacher At  
First Baptist Church

Tim Deik, Christian Educator Director, will be the guest speaker at morning worship at 9:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church this Sunday. He will use as his scriptural text Luke 12:22-34.

Special music will be presented by Donna Kennedy and Kathy Zysk. Coffee and conversation will follow worship in Davis Hall.

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From 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Vacation Bible School will be held in Worthington Hall, with games, activities, and crafts for children ages three through the sixth grade.

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On our calendar this week:

**Tuesday, July 23rd:** 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 4:30 p.m., Our people serve at "Loaves and Fishes" (meals for the homeless).

**Wednesday, July 24th:** 7:15 a.m., Midweek Prayer Time (Chapel); 7:00 p.m., Miniature Golf (all ages invited).

**Thursday, July 25th:** 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 6:30 p.m., Social Committee (Parlor); 7:00 p.m., Evening Worship (Sanctuary).

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Contact people for the Caring Connection for the month of July are Lorie and Charlie Baker (tel. 786-8140), and Linda Chicklas (tel. 786-1565).

Call them if you have caring needs.

Weekly Calendar From  
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This Sunday, July 21st, is the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, and the Summer Worship service is at 9:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam. Summer hours will continue through to Sunday, September 1st.

This Sunday, Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be "Where Can I Go?", taken from Text Psalm 139: 7-12. The Children's Message will be "Which Way?"

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The Summer Youth Church, "Kids For Character," continues following the "Children's Message." This program is a series devoted to instructing children in developing their character, values, and ethics.

The series will be adapted to support these themes from a Biblical perspective. This program will run through Sunday, August 25th. All children are welcome!

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The Vacation Bible Camp, "Images Of God," will be held July 29th through August 2nd from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Ages two through the sixth grade are welcome.

Please register by calling the church office at 786-7111. Cost is \$5 per child (\$10 maximum per family).

There will be a Potluck Supper at 6:00 p.m. on the last day of camp, August 2nd, at the church. Canned goods for the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry will be collected at the Potluck Supper.

Summer Services  
Continue At Agawam  
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Agawam United Methodist Church has announced that its Worship Services during the Summer Season continue to be at 9:30 a.m.

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A guest preacher will bring the message during the next three Sundays.

**July 21st:** The theme of the Sermon will be "What Would Jesus Say?"

**July 28th:** "Hang In There."

**August 4th:** "Comfort For The Journey."

Children who attend will hear the message in story form, followed by Bible activities.

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## Spotlight On Business



**THE CUTTING EDGE**, located in the Community Shops in Feeding Hills Center, celebrated its one-year anniversary on July 10th with an open house. From left - owner Denise LaPointe blow-dries the hair of staff member Caroline Babinski; **IN MIDDLE PHOTO**, staff members pictured are Gay Curran, Denise LaPointe, Kimberly Clark, Annette Roy, Caroline Babinski, and Kim Bartorillo; **IN PHOTO RIGHT**, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson cut the one-year ribbon with Mrs. LaPointe. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### The Cutting Edge Celebrates 1st Year With Open House

The Cutting Edge, located in the Community Shops in Feeding Hills, celebrated its one-year anniversary in an open house ceremony held Wednesday, July 10th. Mayor Christopher Johnson, along with the staff and several local merchants, joined in for a ribbon cutting.

The Cutting Edge is a full-service salon for the entire family. The staff, with their years of experience, can help with all of your hair and nail needs.

The salon also offers tanning and has a special for the month of July — three months of unlimited tanning for only \$100 (offer expires August 1, 1996).

The staff would like to thank everyone for their patronage, helping to make The Cutting Edge's first year a major success.

The staff is comprised of owner/stylist Denise LaPointe; stylists Gay Curran, Jane Mulligan, Kimi Clark, and Caroline Babinski; and nail techs Kim Bartorillo and Annette Roy.

The salon is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome.

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**Spotlight On Business - continued...****Former AHS Grad  
Opens Travel Agency  
In West Springfield****by Peggy Shoemaker  
Advertiser News Feature Writer**

Lori Simpson Keeley of Juniper Ridge Drive, Feeding Hills, and Sue Miller of West Springfield have combined their love for travel in the opening of their travel agency, **TRAVEL CONNECTIONS**, on the corner of Route 20 and Chestnut Street, West Springfield.

The two women worked together at World Tek Travel, a Springfield travel agency, and so did their one employee, Bonnie Twining, a travel consultant.

Although the agency opened in March, it was not completely furnished or refurbished, and so the formal public dedication was not held until June. Although it recently opened, Lori says it is going well and she is sure it will increase and she would like to attract more major corporate business.

Friendliness is stressed at the attractive office and Lori often leaves the front door open to encourage folks to stop in and take a look. With an ice cream shop next door, there are always people passing by.

In the office, three computers are on one side, the two owners on the ends, and Bonnie in the center. A tall rack of travel folders of far-away and fascinating places to whet the wanderlust is on the other side (along with customer seating).

Framed pictures of such scenes as Disney World, Florida, Carnival and Celebrity cruises, and beach scenes of Bermuda and Cancun are on the wall. There is also a series of matching clocks depicting the current time in Tokyo, West Springfield, Los Angeles, and London. "The times are a matter of interest," Lori said, "and also a conversation piece."

**Recognized For Achievement In Their Field**

Each woman has framed certificates of recognition and achievement from their field on the wall. One of Bonnie's is from the Irish Tourist Board from Dublin, citing her for a travel education seminar.

Lori grew up on Roberta Circle, Agawam, and is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Simpson. Her husband, Brian Keeley, is the son of Doris Keeley of Suffield Street and the late Bernard Keeley. Lori and Brian graduated from Agawam High School and Lori attended Southeastern Academy, a two-year travel school in Kissimmee, Florida. She holds the title of Certified Travel Consultant.

Sue graduated from West Springfield High School and attended North Adams State College. Both women have had further training in leisure and corporate travel.

Both women are parents. Lori and her husband are the parents of four children, aged six and under, and Sue and her husband, Michael, are the parents of two children. Both husbands lend their skills when they are needed at the agency.

The partners encourage residents to stop in and feel comfortable by just asking questions (in the hopes that getting acquainted will bring them back when they need travel arrangements). The agency offers low plane fares, day bus trips, cruises, senior discounts, and a variety of corporate and leisure options.

The girls think their agency has an excellent location (Route 20), with free parking. They feel most people prefer to shop close by to bucking traffic and parking in downtown Springfield. For themselves, Lori said the partners love the discounts on hotels, resorts, airlines, ships, etc., they receive as agency owners, as well as keeping abreast of the latest news in the travel world.

**TRAVEL CONNECTIONS** is open to the public Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. One can secure evening appointments upon request.

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**TRAVEL CONNECTIONS STAFF MEMBERS** cut the grand opening ribbon with West Springfield Selectman Marty Lyon (center). From left - Brian & Lori Simpson Keeley, Marty Lyon, and Susan & Michael Miller. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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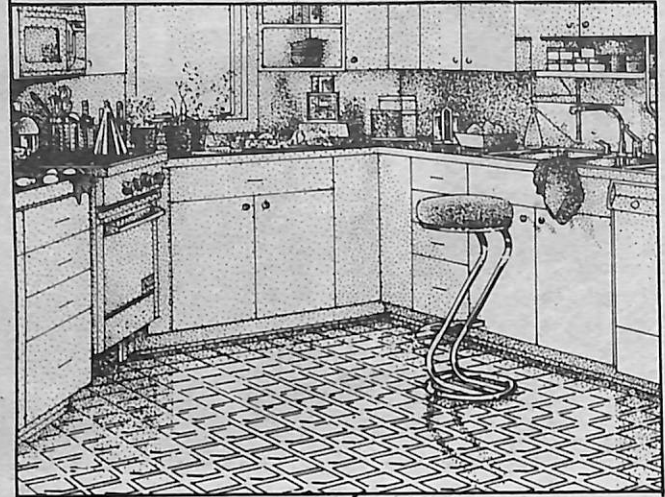
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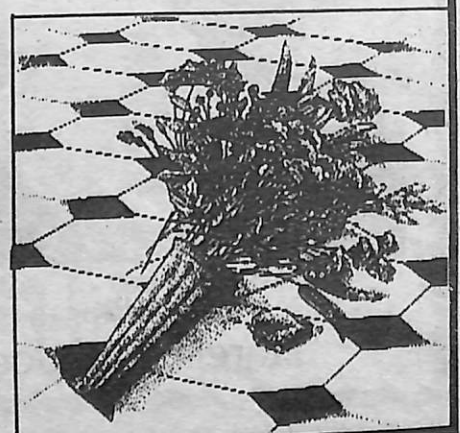


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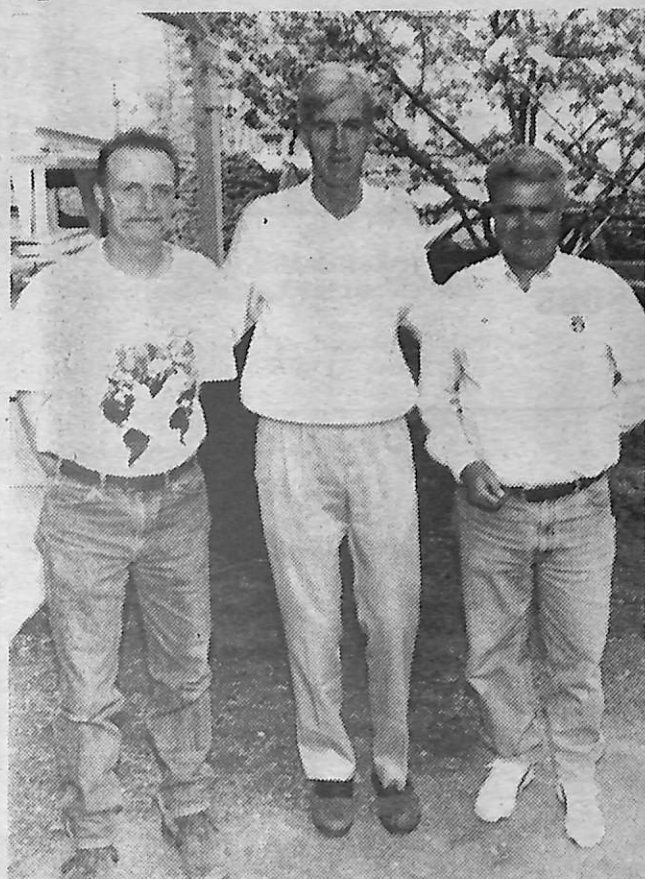
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**Spotlight On Business - continued...**

**"MAINTENANCE AWARDS"** were recently presented to employees of Riverside Amusement Park. **IN LEFT PHOTO:** Edward J. Carroll, Jr., owner and operator of Riverside, poses with award recipients George Seymour (left) and Rocky Picard (right); **IN MIDDLE PHOTO:** William Carroll congratulates award recipient Mike Fleury (left); and **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** William Carroll is with award recipients Frank Moran (left) and Tom Trombly (right). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Riverside Park Recognizes Workers For Excellence In Maintenance Performance

Edward J. Carroll, Jr., President of Riverside Amusement Park in Agawam, MA, recently presented "Maintenance Awards" to several employees of the Park.

**Rocky Picard** and **George Seymour** each received a "Maintenance Creativity Award" for March 1996. They designed a new system to keep the down time on the "Water Race" game to a minimum; specifically, they re-plumbed the game so that the game can now keep operating during repairs. In the past, repairs of this nature could sometimes keep the game down for a full day. Improvements like this, without a doubt, will make the Games Department more profitable.

**Mike Fleury** received the "Maintenance Person of the Month Award" for April 1996 due to his rewiring of the Thunderbolt Roller Coaster, which was completed prior to the opening of the Park for the season. The rewiring was a major undertaking and was done with utmost professionalism. This project was completed under a strict time frame and was completed without even a minor problem to fix.

**Frank Moran** and **Tom Trombly** each received a "Maintenance Performance Award" for the month of May 1996 due to their efforts in repairing the track of the Thunderbolt Roller Coaster, thereby enabling the Park to operate it the very next day.

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I'd like to share this special story with you about my sister, Tina. Tina has been heavy most of her life. After her second child, Tina was at an all-time high at 220 pounds.

Since she is only five feet, three inches, this was quite overweight. She finally decided she did not want to be so large. So she started to watch the amount that she ate and the content of what she ate.

She started to exercise; walk, exercise tapes, and stationary bike about 20-30 minutes per day. Slowly, the weight started to come off. Tina came to my son's birthday party two weeks ago weighing 120 pounds!!!

It's incredible—she looks like a totally different person. Not only does she look great, but she feels great, too. The chronic low back and hip pain she has always suffered with - gone! Her self-confidence and self-esteem has increased significantly. She's doing things she never would have dreamed of doing in the past. What's her secret! Special diet? Liposuction? Diet pills?

No, just a strong desire and discipline. This was not a two-week program. It has been 16 months since she first started losing weight. Tina has made some healthy lifestyle changes. First of all, exercise is a part of her daily routine. She isn't obsessed about this, she just makes it a point to get 20-30 minutes of active exercise in a day.

She also has decreased the amount of fat in her diet and decreased the amount of food she eats. Has it been easy? No, not really. She has to work at it daily, making the correct decisions. The other day, she was telling me how she always thought thin people never had to work at being thin, it was just natural. She's been surprised to find out that most people she talks to do have to work at keeping their weight down.

Tina has been empowered, she has learned to take control of her eating habits, exercise, and lifestyle. With much of the population overweight, it's time more people take control of their lives to create a healthier lifestyle.

## Westfield Savings Donates To VNA



A "HOUSE CALL" BY RAY PIECZARKA (center), board member of the Visiting Nurse Foundation of Pioneer Valley, together with Foundation Vice-President of Development, Carol Harris, resulted in a \$5,000 contribution from Westfield Savings Bank, presented by Victor J. Carra, senior vice-president of the bank (left). With home health care being one of the fastest growing segments in the health care industry, the Visiting Nurse Association today reaches more patients than ever before in its history. Emphasis is on wellness and a continuum of care within the community.

## Weldon Center Support Group For Balance Disorders To Meet July 31st

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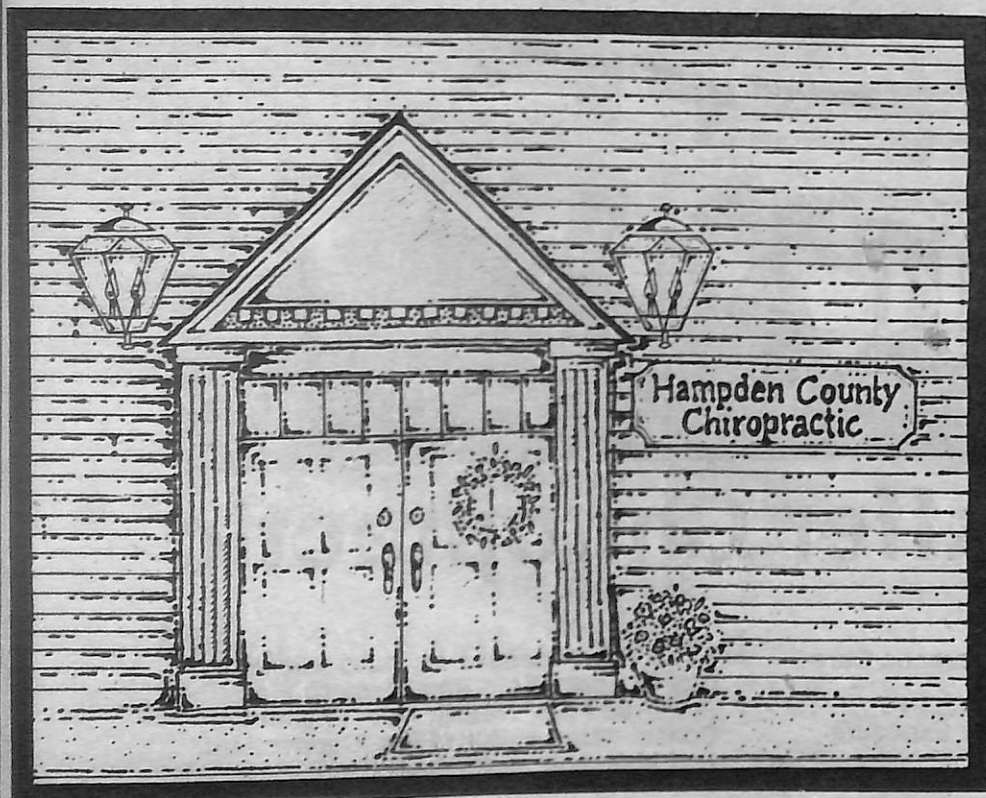
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Family and friends are also welcome. Meetings are conducted on the last Wednesday of each month and are free of charge.

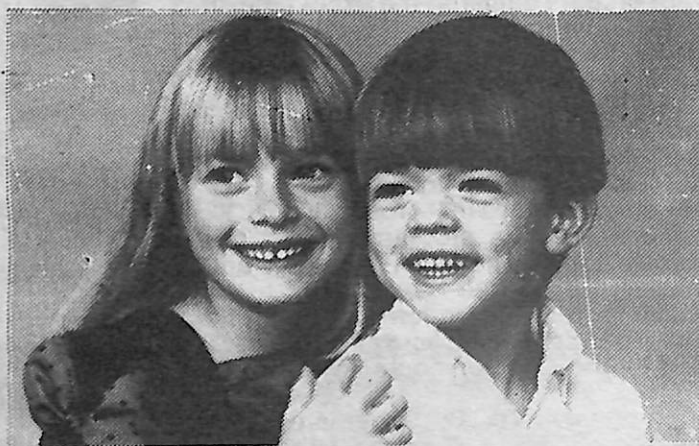
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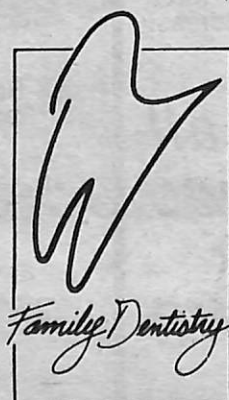
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We communicate only in short sentences, and it is often with great hostility for each other. Our children are 12 and 10 and I think are being affected by our constant dance of anger. Should I move on?

Thanks.

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**Answer:** Sounds like an MIT. (Marriage In Trouble) You BOTH have to decide if you can be committed to resurrecting this union. If only one person is committed, it will not work well. You might also seek information on where you can find good support to help guide both of you.

Start now, to avoid procrastinating on what direction you will go towards. A "lousy marriage" affects all living in the house, especially your children. Here are some of my thoughts on what may constitute a lousy marriage.

1. People calling each other names on an ongoing basis leads to less trust, poor self-esteem for both people, and loss of intimacy, emotionally as well as physically.

You absolutely put someone on the severe defensive when you practice the dangerous game of name calling and it usually is accompanied by loud voices. Some people are also good and saying names under what they think is their barely detectable voice. People hear better than you think!

2. "HISTORY LESSONS" - Too many people do not pay enough attention to sticking with current facts and problems. They start to talk about what the "other person did to them five or 10 years ago." This often goes nowhere!

3. **NAGGING** - So many people are so good at this, it has become an art form, but a dangerous one. It pushes people away. Keep your eyes on bigger issues and it may not always be important if the toilet seat is in the "down position" or if someone did not prepare dinner at the exact time "it should be done." Live in harmony, not in hate. Life will produce its own challenges without you adding unnecessary ones!

**SEMINAR INFO:** Join Dr. Sobel on the evening of August 6th at the Holiday Inn in Holyoke. From 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., he will be presenting the powerful program for adults titled, "Insuring High Self-Esteem and Personal Success." From 7:30 to 8:30, he will be presenting the program titled, "The Wonderful Power and Benefits of Laughter and Humor."

Call 785-1259 for registration form and other info. Cost is only \$10 per person per seminar, or \$18 if you attend both! Contact hours awarded as well.

Saturday, September 7th, Dr. Sobel is offering the program for children, "Creating High Self-Esteem and Empowerment for Children Ages 9 to 14" from 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. Cost is \$10 per child. Call for form/outline of seminar.

You can also write Dr. Sobel for his widely published single sheet of recommendations for a better marriage called, "Dr. Sobel's Pearls of The Super Marriage."

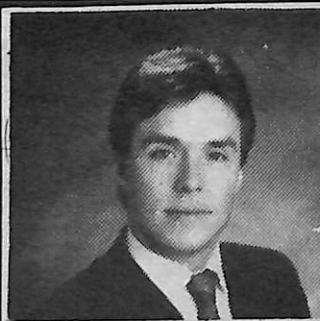
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## Esteem Seminar Set For August 6th By Dr. Steve Sobel

Dr. Steve Sobel, well-known motivational speaker, humorist, and educator, will be offering two seminars at the Holiday Inn in Holyoke the evening of August 6th.

The first seminar is titled "INSURING HIGH SELF-ESTEEM and PERSONAL SUCCESS" and will run from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The second seminar is titled, "The Wonderful Power and Benefits of LAUGHTER and HUMOR" and will run from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Dr. Sobel is also the director of The New England Institute For Stress Management. Pre-registration is recommended. Cost is \$10 per person, per program, and \$18 per person if attending both sessions.

Contact hours also awarded. Call 413-785-1259 for more information.



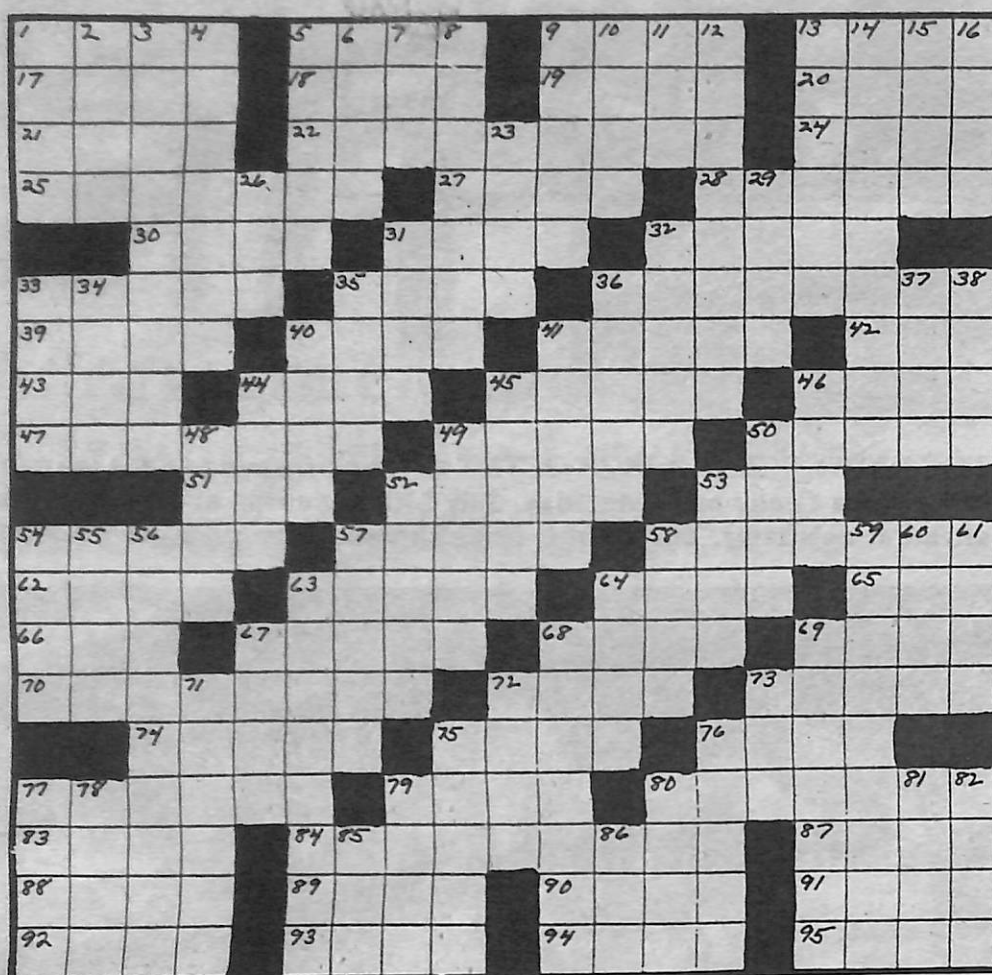


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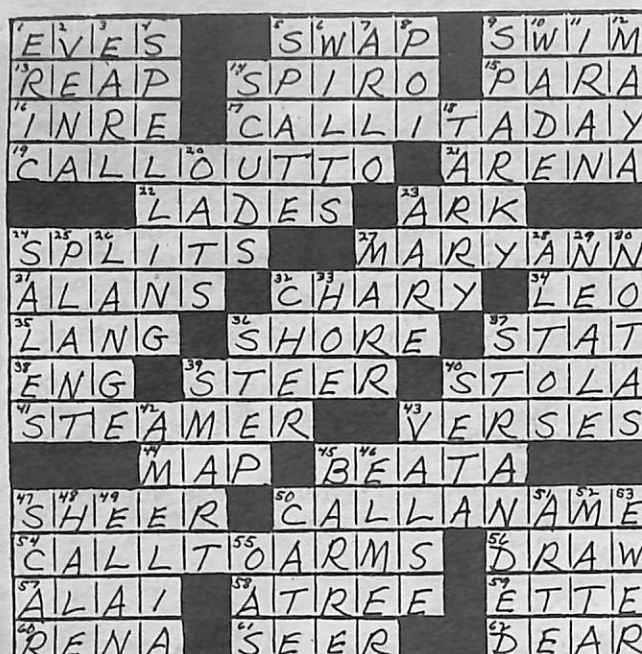
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- 65 Anglo-Saxon money  
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- 67 "See red" emotion
- 68 Type of camp
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- 70 Insisted upon
- 72 Sensed
- 73 Type of walk
- 74 Sea eagles
- 75 Father
- 76 Gator's kin
- 77 "Ready —" (clo-  
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- 79 Bash of a party
- 80 "— you" (Fie)
- 83 "Blind as —"
- 84 Live in the "Big  
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- 87 Melville book
- 88 Wander
- 89 Mayberry boy
- 90 General Robert —
- 91 Faucets
- 92 Golfer's gadgets
- 93 Small bites
- 94 Forest dwellers
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## MEET THE MASTER — by Dick Mastroianni

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- 1 More on the cold side
- 2 A Guthrie
- 3 Handcuffs (slang)
- 4 Scholars
- 5 Type of potatoes
- 6 German exclamations
- 7 Elsie's call
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- 9 Pasty complexion  
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- 10 "In the —"
- 11 Feeling poorly
- 12 Showed embarrass-  
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- 13 Fight card locales
- 14 Capone et al
- 15 Antiseptic
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- 23 Yale men
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- 29 Lupino et al
- 31 Ilk
- 32 Rant's partner
- 33 Range baby
- 34 Olive genus
- 35 Race segments
- 36 Prank
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- 40 Walking stick
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- 46 The best
- 48 Aspen
- 49 Pay homage to
- 50 Brewer's product
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- 53 R.B.I. or E.R.A.
- 54 "It's —, mad  
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- 69 Advance in rank
- 71 Mountain crests
- 72 Rasp
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- 77 Fruit-filled pastry
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## Last Week's Solution...



## "Lark In The Park" Activities At Holyoke Heritage State Park

Holyoke Heritage State Park, located at 221 Appleton Street, Holyoke, announces the following calendar of events as part of its summer "A Lark In The Park" series:

\* **Sunday, July 21st:** Heritage Park will celebrate "Christmas In July." From 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m., there will be visits by Santa and Yuletide crafts and displays at the Merry-Go-Round. Then, at 2:00 p.m., there will be a free movie — *Muppets' Christmas Carol*.

\* **Sunday, July 28th:** Beginning at 2:00 p.m., there will be an outdoor concert by the band "Future Now," which performs rock 'n roll, ballads, and alternative music from the 1950's to the 1990's. This concert is free. (In the event of rain, the concert will take place in the Visitors' Center.)

\* **Wednesday, July 31st:** There will be free admission all day (9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) to the Children's Museum. This will be the last day for the museum before it closes until the fall for renovations.

\* **Sunday, August 4th, 2:00 p.m.:** A magic show by local magician Bill Wendry will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Visitors' Center. Admission is free.

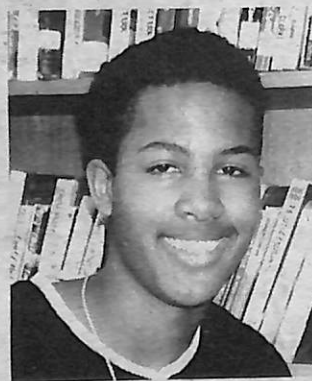
In addition to the Visitors' Center, the Children's Museum, and the Holyoke Merry-Go-Round, Holyoke Heritage State Park is home to the Holyoke Heritage Park Railroad, the Volleyball Hall of Fame, and Heritage Crafts.

For further information about any of the aforementioned "Lark In The Park" activities, contact the Heritage Park Visitors' Center at (413) 534-1723.

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## New England Jazz Octet To Perform On Wed., July 24th

The Agawam Cultural Council will present a concert by Ted Wirt and the New England Jazz Octet on Wednesday, July 24th, at the Veterans' Memorial Park, Phelps School, 689 Main Street, Agawam.

The group will perform a wide spectrum of styles of American jazz from the 1920's to the present, including Ragtime, Dixie Swing, Bebop, Modal, and Fusion utilizing brass, reed, woodwind, keyboard, and percussion instruments.

The members of the octet have performed with many national acts such as NRBQ, Maynard Ferguson, Count Basie, and A Roomful of Blues. All members of the group have degrees in music performance/jazz studies programs.

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and food and enjoy a family evening. In the event of rain, the concert will be held in the Phelps School Auditorium.

Future concerts will feature Yankee Notions on August 7th, and the Valley Jazz Ensemble on August 21st.

All concerts start at 6:30 p.m.

## "Gardening With Perennials" To Be Held At Stanley Park

Stanley Park's Garden Workshop Series will feature special guest speaker Joseph Hudak, one of America's most popular gardening authorities, on Saturday, July 20th, in the sheltered pavilion from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Hudak's presentation, "Gardening with Perennials Month by Month," will look at hardy, herbaceous perennials, their individual blooming seasons, and offer seasonal, helpful pointers on gardening and designing with perennial flowers. Hudak's workshop will include a guided walking tour of Stanley Park's perennial borders.

Hudak is a landscape architect who has served more than 3,000 individual and corporate clients in the course of his 40-year practice. For 25 years, he was affiliated with Olmsted Associates of Brookline, the nation's oldest architectural firm, and now a national historic site.

Hudak is an avid gardener, cultivating a one-acre garden plot that provides him a wealth of "hands-on" experiences with all sorts of herbaceous perennials hardy in New England.

In addition to *Gardening with Perennials Month by Month*, Hudak has also authored *Shrubs in the Landscape* and *Trees for Every Purpose*. He has contributed articles to several gardening magazines and has taught courses on perennials and garden design.

For further information on Stanley Park's Garden Workshop Series, call the Park office at (413) 568-9312.

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**THE NEW ENGLAND JAZZ OCTET** will be performing on the lawn of the Veterans' Green in Agawam Center on Wednesday, July 24th beginning at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend at no charge. The event is being sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council.



**WEEKLY LOTTERY DRAWING WINNERS** for the Agawam Public Library's Summer Reading Program are pictured above. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam Public Library's "Summer Reading Program" Is Reaching Out To All Ages

From toddlers to young adults, library patrons are signing up to participate in this year's summer reading program.

Youngsters get coupons for weekly lottery drawings for each hour of reading time they accumulate at home. Prizes include Milton Bradley games and puzzles, as well as gift certificates for pizzas, ice cream, video rentals, and games of bowling.

Preschoolers get coupons for each ac-

cumulated hour a grownup or older sibling reads to them, while school-aged readers receive coupons for time spent in independent reading.

Winners in the first drawing were: **Alexandra Bertagnoli, Leah Marsh, Erin Marsh, Krystal Petrucci, Michael Federico, Danielle Hagan, Billy Cochran, Brian Simpson, Nickel Shah, Tammy Lee, Ryan McNair, and Amanda Hamel.**

Congratulations to all the winners!

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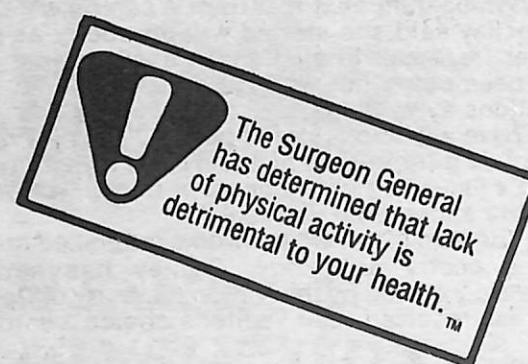


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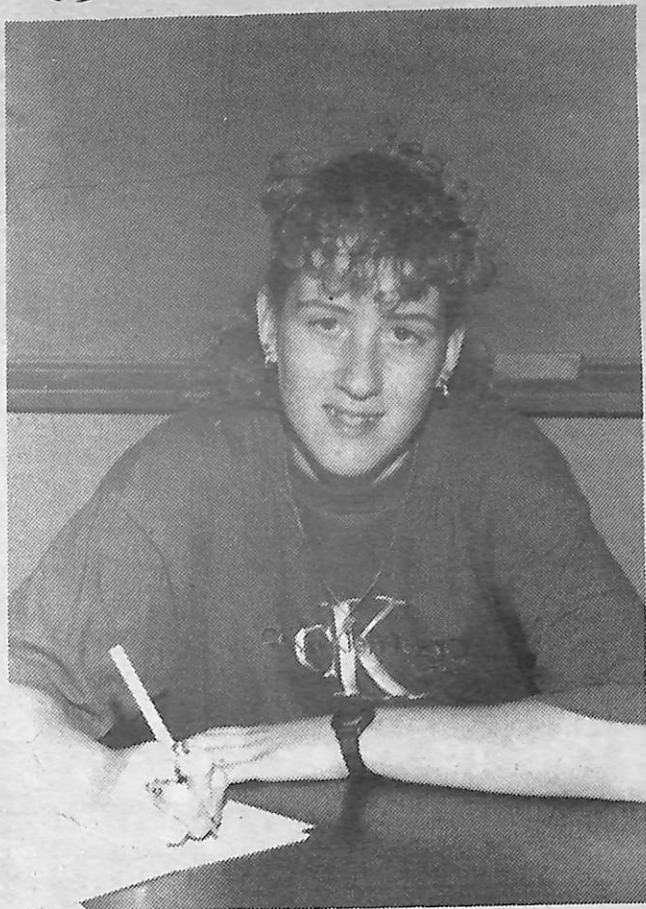


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## Education



**AGWAM HIGH POET Rebecca Rising** was recently recognized for her poetry in a national contest. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Two AHS Students Recognized For Poetry Prowess

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Two Agawam teens have a lot more in common than just living in the same town and attending the same high school.

Recent Agawam High School grad **Ceciley Rivest** and freshman **Rebecca Rising** have been delighting family and friends for years on gift-giving occasions with their poetry. Both young poets share the distinction of having their works recognized in a national poetry contest. Their works were included in an anthology of poetry published by the National Library of Poetry.

Ceciley Rivest has been nominated as "poet of the year" and has been invited to read her works at the International Society of Poets Convention and Symposium next month in Washington, D.C.

Ceciley said she started writing poetry as part of her freshman English class assignments and has been using her writings as an outlet for her emotions every since.

"I have a whole folder of poems," Ceciley said. "I just do it for the fun of it and to let my emotions go. It's like when you're upset or happy, you want to write about what you feel."

In addition to having her works published in this year's poetry anthology, Ceciley has several poems published by the National Library of Poetry and has received their "editor's choice award."

Although she had been writing stories for years and dreaming of one day becoming an author, Rebecca Rising now dreams of a career after college that will include writing fiction and poetry.

Also the winner of an "editor's choice award" from the National Library of Poetry, Rebecca's interest in writing poetry began, like Ceciley's, in her freshman English class.

Each year English teacher Irene Thomas offers her students the opportunity to submit their poetry to the national contest, but she had no idea the assignment would take on such importance for one of her students.

"It's wonderful that Rebecca is pursuing poetry," Mrs. Thomas said. "I like to do some enrichment for all my students, but you never know what assignment is going to spark an interest."

Rebecca said love and friendship are the major themes running through her poems. "I write about anything that's important to me. If I'm mad, I write about how I feel and what got me mad. Then I feel much better after I write about it. It's like you told someone what had happened," Rebecca said.

Mrs. Thomas credited the new heterogeneous grouping of students of all ability levels in English classes with allowing more students to have exposure to enrichment opportunities like the National Library of Poetry talent search.



**ROBINSON PARK STUDENTS** in the class of Mary Ann Czerpak (far left) held a "Showcase Birthday Party" before school ended last month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Robinson Park Kindergarten Holds "Showcase Birthday Party"

The kindergarten children in Mary Ann Czerpak's class planned and held a "Robinson Park School Showcase Birthday Party!"

It all began with the poem, "Cats" by Eleanor Farjeon. In this poem, cats are EVERYWHERE... on a piano, on a chair, in a crate ... everywhere! Each little student drew, colored, and printed the name of his/her cat.

Mrs. Czerpak encouraged the children to help plan the showcase for the school foyer. A Cat's Birthday party was decided by all to be the most fun to create! The children suggested party hats for the cats, party balloons, party favors, a birthday cake and, of course, wrapped gifts!!

The excitement grew as the children drew and colored to create the Cat's Birthday room! Home

decorations from the poem, including a piano, a kitty wall clock, a chair, a table, a crate, a dresser with an open drawer, a fish bowl, a shoe, a window, cat family portraits, and floor mats, were enthusiastically drawn and colored by the decorators!

Finally, after two weeks of planning and creating, the kindergarten students' Cat's Birthday Party Showcase was assembled in the main foyer of Robinson Park School!!

The children have been beaming with pride at their accomplishment. Compliments galore have been bestowed upon them from faculty and staff. They giggled when asked if they bought all of the decorations at the store, then proudly, chorally announced...WE DID IT!!

### Town Residents Named By STCC To Spring Dean's List

Area residents who have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 1996 semester at Springfield Technical Community College have been announced by Dean of Student Services William M. Manzi.

The Dean's List is published each semester to recognize above-average academic performance. Students carrying a full-time course load of 12 or more semester hours, who achieve a quality point average of 3.3 or above, are placed on the Dean's List.

Agawam residents named to the Dean's List are Ryan Bassette, Deana Bracci, Jennifer DaSilva, Lynne Dutton, Renee Duval, Kim Emery, Kristy Fitzgerald, Kevin Gillette, Martin Giroux, Laurie Harbour, Cheryl Johnston, Anthony Maggi, Elizabeth

Marzano, Jenni Melbourne, Scott Mertz, Theresa Nicholson, Kevin O'Connor, Michael Poggi, Aaron Schmaelzle, Mary Sheehan, Jeffrey Sheltra, Joseph Stano, Laurie Vandergrift, Susan Wills, and Theodore Yurika.

Feeding Hills residents named to the Dean's List are Nancy Bulmer, David Clark, Tara DeLucchi, Angela Eggleston, Diane Godbout, Anthony Grasso, Harvey Kendall, Christopher Langdon, Lisa Lindsey, Gregory Quink, and Marlene Turner.

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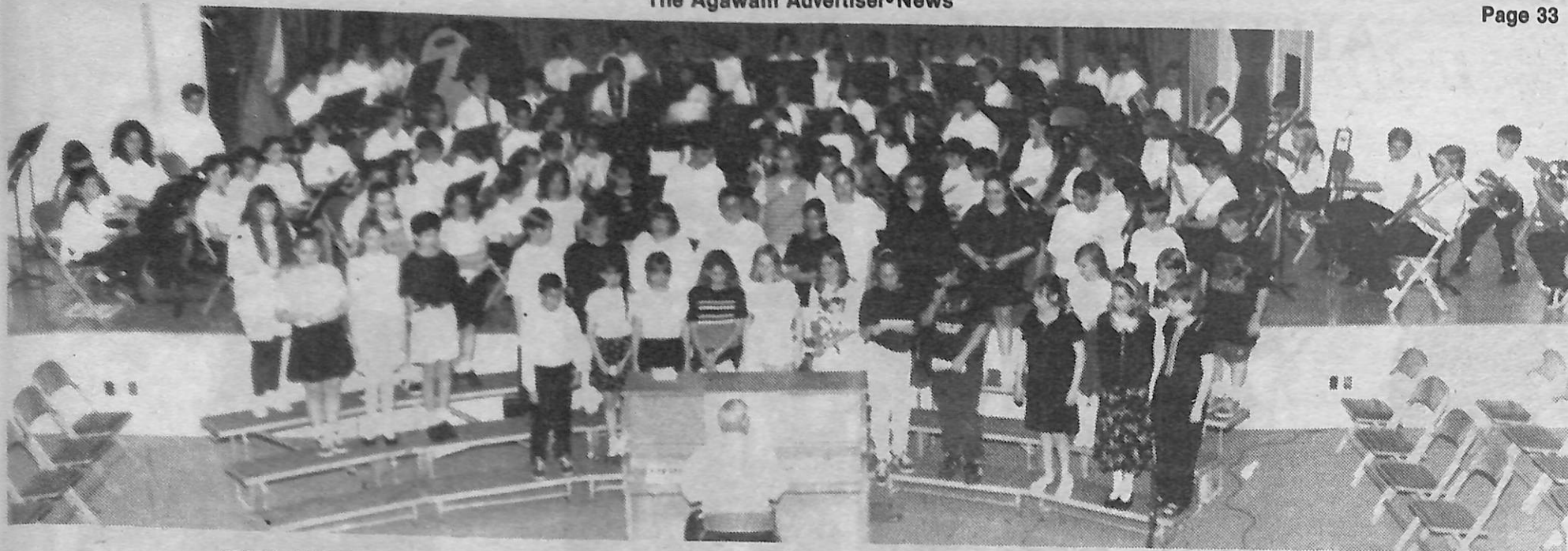
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THE FIFTH GRADE CHORUS, under the direction of Darcy Davis, performs in the school's auditorium for family and friends. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Fifth Graders Perform Annual Concert

On Wednesday, May 29th, the Agawam Middle School held its "Grade Five Spring Concert Program."

The fifth grade chorus was led by Director Darcy Davis and the band was led by Director Ken Longstreeth.

### FIFTH GRADE CHORUS

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Kelly Reilly, Jeff Roberts, Ashley Robidoux, Melissa Savenko, Matt Shea, Nick Suchenicz, Nocole Watt, Cylyn Williams, Laura Zerra.

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Ashley Blanchard, Alexis Chretien, Ashleigh Chrusciel, Carlie Colson, Andrea Conte, Kelly Curry, Patricia Fitchben, Elizabeth Haire, Rachel Keenan, Kristan LaGuercia.

Michael Lalli, Ashley Marek, Christopher Martin, Shannon McDyer, Nina Murray, Courtney Poirier, Salema Sekkal, Allison Siedlik, Angeline Simone.

### CLARINETES

Sabrina Brizzolari, Lindsay Carey, Rebecca Carey, Nichole Circosta-Aspinall, Christopher Evans, Kevin Fleming, Kate Horniak, Jocelyn Kraus, Taryn Laponese, Mark Marra.

Michael McGeoghan, McKenzie Michaels, Angelica Rivera, Malena Rogers, Sara Roy, Amanda Rozanski, Alfonso Santaniello, Alexandra Simons, Christina Sticco, Michael Theroux, Patrick

Walsh, Andrew Wynne.

### SAXOPHONES

Thomas Cortese, Gary Dionne, Daniel Gomes, Kevin Grimaldi, Matthew Lawlor, Kerri Merriam, Cory Pedrazza, Jeffrey Surprenant, Brittany Theriaque, Jawaan Wright.

### TRUMPETS

Kevin Athas, Ashley Brodeur, William Cochran, Patrick Landers, Jenny Leary, Justin Lepard, Erin McLane, Eric McLaughlin, Ashley Pickett, Paul Pilegi, Maureen Quinlan, David Reynolds, Brian Sojkowski.

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# AHS Band Gathers For Annual Banquet



CRESTVIEW COUNTRY CLUB in Agawam was the scene for the Annual Agawam High Band Banquet. Some of the band members who were honored at the banquet included, from left - Mike Perry, Andrea LeBlanc, Amy Wisniewski, Nicole Weinle, Jason Reed (senior drum major), Sarah Shepard (junior drum major), and Nancy Cuccovia. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AGAWAM HIGH BAND DIRECTOR Tammy Watson is pictured with Junior Flag Captain Stacy Rennell at the band's Annual Banquet at Crestview Country Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations  
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The Joint Commission will acknowledge such requests in writing or by telephone and will inform the organization of the request for any interview. The organization will, in turn, notify the interviewee of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

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We recently went on a two-night camping trip to Camp Bonnie Brae. While we were there, we earned our "Hiker" and "Troop Campers" badges. We also completed all the requirements for the "Camp Bonnie Brae" badge. The girls worked very hard planning this trip and subsequently had a great time!

We went on a trip to the Southwick Zoo in June, and participated in a Father's Day program at Riverside Park. In addition, the girls started on some of the requirements towards the "Sign Of The Rainbow" badge. \*\*\*

The Scouts in the **Middle School Junior Troop 556** have had a very busy year. A large part of being busy is because they will be Flying-up to Cadettes that means organizing activities with younger and older Troops.

We have been fortunate to be able to hold our meetings at Heritage Hall, for which we are most grateful. A BIG thanks to all the people there who make that possible.

Our field trips have been varied. We started off by celebrating Halloween at Riverside's "Terror In The Park." Next, was a very odd trip ice skating in February with cappuccino's for all to warm up with. Then our favorite trip to Sturbridge Village where we earned the "Women In History" patch.

We attended the Unit Event at the Rollaway. The girls did a great job on their "Time Capsule" tree, which was displayed during the month of April at the Agawam Library. The Annual Giving Dance was also great. Our thanks to the organizers for a truly fun evening.

As far as badges, we have earned "Making Decisions" and worked on "Math Whiz" and "Science In The World." We also earned the "Sign Of The Rainbow." This particular badge takes two years to complete. Some of the girls worked towards their "Junior Aid" badge by helping out with younger troops.

The Junior Banquet was held in June; "Camping With Care Staff" was held at Camp Bonnie Brae at the end of June; and the Flying-up

ceremony, which was a family picnic shared with both a Daisy and a Brownie Troop on June 2nd.

The girls did an excellent job selling cookies this year. We exceeded our target by 300 packages. Our thanks to Stop & Shop, Feeding Hills, and to Waldbaum's Food Mart, Agawam for letting us use their stores to sell to the general public. Also, a BIG THANK YOU to the general public for supporting us once again this year!

We will have our final celebration at Mt. Tom Water Slides & Wave Pool at the end of July. We can't wait and we are hoping for a warm, sunny day. \*\*\*

**James Clark Brownie Troop 558** has been very busy. In addition to earning different Try-Its, the girls have been working on several service projects.

In December, they decorated the Birthday Board in the North Building of Heritage Hall Nursing Home. Also in December, the Troop went to The Red Door Theatre and saw "Scrooge." What a beautiful performance!

In February, they made Valentine cards for the Veterans in the Holyoke Soldier's Home. The cards were very pretty.

In March, we visited the M.S.P.C.A. in Springfield. We donated towels, blankets, paper towels and rolls, and money, etc. We were amazed by how many homeless animals there were. Another meeting in March took us back to The Red Door Theatre to see a play called "The Wind and The Willows."

In May, we went to Laughing Brook. The girls earned a Try-It for "Water Everywhere." They learned the importance of water and had a chance to do some "hands-on" experimenting. It was an interesting day that was enjoyed by all who attended.

We, the Leaders & Co-Leaders, have really enjoyed being with the Brownie Scouts this year and are hoping they all return next year! \*\*\*

The Scouts from **Junior Troop 549** at the Middle School have been busy earning Badges of their own, as well as working cooperatively to earn additional badges.

Our Troop went to the "Winter Fest" council event at Camp Bonnie Brae in February. It was cold and there was plenty of snow to ensure a fun time was enjoyed by all!

The girls decorated the Birthday Boards at Heritage Hall's North Building for the month of March.

We had a chance to spend some time with our Pioneer Valley pals from East Longmeadow, **Brownie Troop 8**. Both Troops went on an overnight camping trip together in May. All the girls had a blast! Our Troop went grocery shopping for the food supplies needed for the camping trip. We were proud of the great job they did.

We can't believe the year is over. We are looking forward to another splendid year!

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**MONICA LEFEBVRE** was one of the stand-up comics at the Agawam Public Library earlier this month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## "Stand-Up" Comics At Ag. Library

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At a recent event kids were invited to be "stand-up comedians" using a variety of the library's new humor and tongue twister books.

Participants took time out from the program to hang their attendance stars on the decorative trees in the library foyer. Every visit to the library by a reading club member rates a gold or silver star for the tree.

For more information on summer events, and to sign up for the reading club, visit the library at 750 Cooper Street any time between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Monday through Thursdays, and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Fridays.

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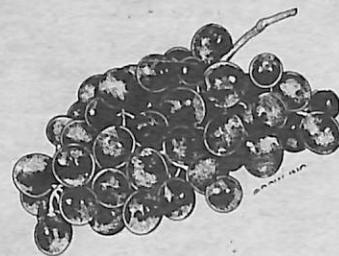
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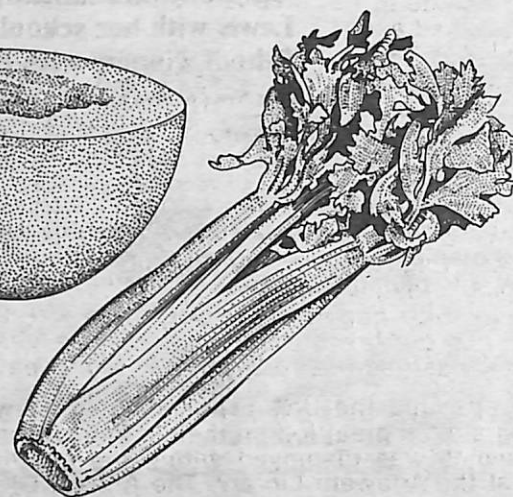
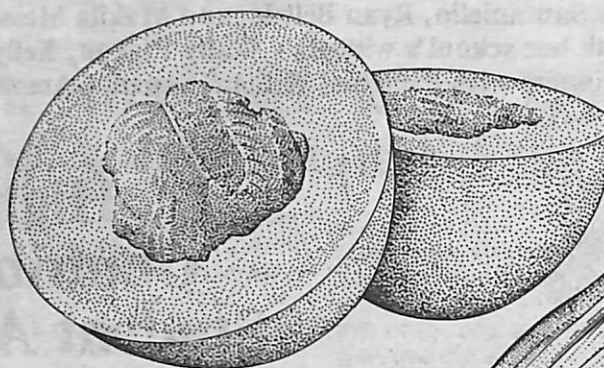


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## Jr. Women's Club Announces Father's Day Contest Winners



THE AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB again sponsored its Father's Day Coloring Contest for elementary students last month. From left - Clark School winners with school secretary Barbara Root - Anthony Santaniello, Ryan Belisle, and Makila Messier; MIDDLE PHOTO - Granger Principal Phyllis Lewis with her school's winners - Wally Pigeon, Kelly Poirier, and Kathleen Thibodeau; and Robinson School winners with Principal William Sapelli - Amanda Therrien, Andy Dawson, and Jen Lough. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Jr. High Pupils Contribute To Student Anthology

Three Agawam Junior High School students contributed to one of the four regional anthologies of student writing published this month by the Western Massachusetts Writing Project.

Rebecca Long, Ashley Turniak, and Erin Cocchi were published in the anthology *Write Now*, which includes works by students in grades five through 12 in the South Region of the Western Massachusetts Writing Project area.

Jim Wisniewski served as a student editor of the anthology.

Western Massachusetts Writing Project's student publication program began last year with the publication of one anthology. State funding allowed the program expanded to four anthologies this spring. Hundreds of students from the area submitted manuscripts, and 50 student editors met at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst on March 30th to review them and select pieces for publication.

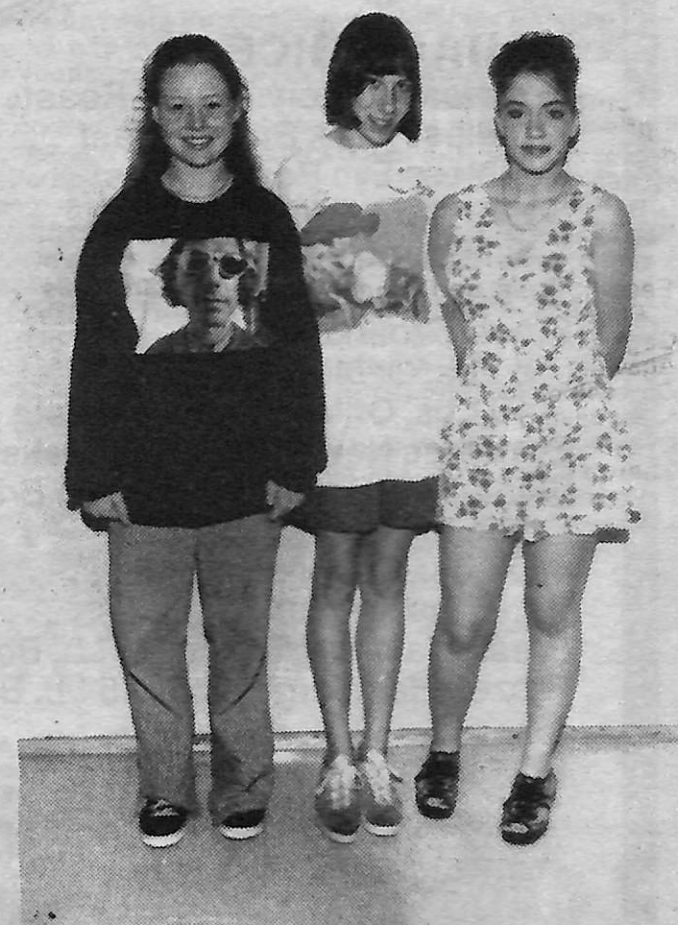
Western Massachusetts Writing Project is a local site of the National Writing Project and as such receives federal funding through Public Law 102-62. It is supported as well by funding from the Massachusetts Department of Education.

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PHELPS SCHOOL PRINCIPAL Robert Farrell with his school's winners of the Agawam Junior Women's Club's Father's Day Contest - Paul Glantz, Emma Hendry, and Shelley Mulvey. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT Erin Cocchi, Becky Long, and Ashley Turniak participated in the Western Mass. Writing Project, a local site for the National Writing Project. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Agawam's Perry Lane Lifeguards



1996 LIFEGUARDS at the town's Perry Lane Park pool include, back row, from left - Jamie Scherban, Eric Johnson, Ian Lane, Jeffrey Gaylor, and head guard Jessica Crowley. Front row - head guard Mary-Lynn Scortino, Ali Scherban, Danielle Petrangelo, pool director Jill Gagne, and Andrew Lombardi. Missing - Steve Lewis, Page McConnel, and Eileen Daly. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Youth Cheerleaders Car Wash



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM YOUTH CHEERLEADERS held a benefit car wash recently for the upcoming fall season. Considering how the heat and humidity have been on the rise lately, the car wash was a great way to cool off while raising money for a good cause. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Ten Area Residents Earn Degrees From Springfield College

Ten area residents were among the 1,181 Springfield College graduates who received their degrees during the college's recent 110th Commencement.

Receiving bachelor's degrees were Junko Fujio (cum laude) of Agawam, Glenn T. Olson of Feeding Hills, Candis Andrea Rose (cum laude) of Feeding Hills, and Winnie Wong of Feeding Hills.

Receiving Master's Degrees were Denise Gagnier-Reynolds of Agawam, Rick Hersom of Agawam, Todd G. Kosol of Agawam, and Rita A. Oleksak of Agawam.

Receiving Certificates of Advanced Studies Degree were Shirley Ann Cornett of Agawam and Sharon Marie Woods of Agawam.

Founded in 1885, Springfield College is a private, coeducational school that emphasizes educating students for careers in the human-helping professions such as allied health sciences, education and counseling, physical education and sports sciences, social work, and human services.

The 3,000-student institution has a longstanding and close relationship with the YMCA and educational exchange agreements with countries ranging from China and Japan to Venezuela, Sweden, and the Netherlands.

## Junior High Non-Users Club Holds Contest Urging For A "Substance-Free" Summer

To help members remember their pledges over the summer, the Agawam Junior High Non-Users Club again held a contest in which the following had to be completed:

*I'm going to stay alcohol, drug and tobacco free this summer because...*

Three top prize winners received gift certificates for Showcase Cinemas and Topper's Ice Cream Shoppe. Honorable mention winners received Gift Certificates from Topper's. The Cinema certificates were donated by Representative Daniel Keenan and the Topper's certificates were donated by Topper's.

The top three responses were:

**Tara Feely:**

*I'm going to stay alcohol, drug and tobacco free this summer because all of these things could mess up my head, cause me to lose control of my life, and are a threat to my health. I also know that I can have a much better and more enjoyable summer without any of these things.*

**Katie Jablonski:**

*I'm going to stay alcohol, drug and tobacco free this*

*summer because I'm not going to be stupid and put stuff in me that will harm my body. I have never used alcohol, drugs or tobacco. I said this before I got here and I intend to keep my promise of staying drug free forever!!!!*

**Melissa Knight:**

*I'm going to stay alcohol, drug and tobacco free this summer because this year in seventh grade I've received numerous classroom awards and I have been accepted into the National Junior Honor Society. Next month, I'm singing for the Little League Baseball team. Also, I'm going to Niagara Falls and Toronto. Two weeks later, I'm seeing Les Miserables, the world's most famous show in New York. Why should I lose all of this for drugs?*

Earning Honorable Mention in the contest were Carey Baum, Candace Bouthiller, William Campana, Jessica Circosta-Aspinall, Chester Comee, Scott Fleming, Madelyn Dones, Jennifer Keller, Lauren Kida, Patrick Lennon, Jeffrey Maynard, Alissa Roy, Valerie Siedlik, and Danielle Sienkiewicz.

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### Andrea Balboni Receives Award At Mount Holyoke Commencement Exercises

Andrea Balboni received the Vanessa Kehde Award at recently held commencement exercises at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley. The award is presented to a graduating senior for study abroad.

Andrea spend her junior year of college at the University of Rome, Italy. She also attended the summer session held at the University of Urbino, Italy. While studying abroad, she traveled extensively on the European continent.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Balboni of 32 Sherwood Avenue, West Springfield, she is currently residing in New York, where she is pursuing post-graduate studies at the Pratt Institute.

Andrea is the granddaughter of Mrs. Carlo Balboni of Agawam, and the late Mr. Balboni.



GRADUATION CEREMONIES WERE HELD under the pavilion at Perry Lane Park. The children put on a show of their favorite tunes, received their diplomas, and then enjoyed themselves at a huge family picnic. End-of-the-year ceremonies and picnics were also held for the returning children. Approximately 200 people attended the ceremonies. The staff would like to wish all of their families a safe and happy summer. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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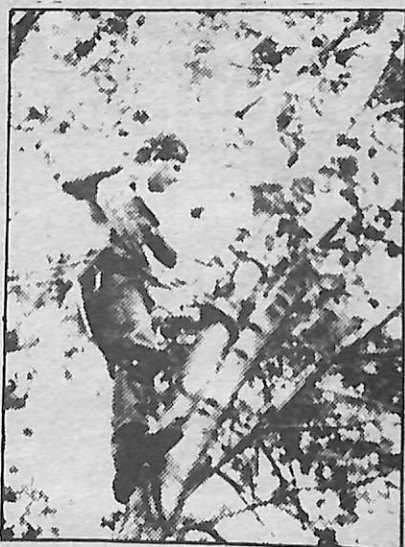
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## Sports

### Oak Ridge Hosts Drewnowski Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament



ON SUNDAY, JULY 7TH, the Annual Hank Drewnowski Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament was held at the Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills. This annual event awards scholarships to graduating seniors participating in the high school football program who will be attending college in the fall. This year's event attracted 174 area golfers, and the scholarships were awarded to Andy Markowski and Dom Pisano. The Drewnowski family would like to thank everyone for participating in the event, and a special thank you is extended to the sponsors for their generous donations. Enjoying themselves at the event were (from left to right) Nickey Strycharz, Ron Lampro, "Mono" Strycharz, Mike Drewnowski, Gary Marcoullier, Bob Campbell, Chet Gruska, Paul Wollenberg, Hank Drewnowski, Jr., Sandy Drewnowski, and Ron Stoecker.

#### LPGA - from Page 1...

"We've let the rough grow to no less than 2½ inches," he noted. "And in some places, it could be three inches high. And it gets more snarled as the tournament progresses."

He gave an insight into why the members see only rough that never goes over two inches. Other than making things more difficult for the pros, long rough would be frustrating for the every day players, as well. "Remember," Gary smiled, "the pros all have spotters. If they drive it into deep rough, the ball can be tracked down. The members don't have that luxury. If they drive the ball into the jungle, they may never see it again."

Then there are the greens - the bane, or imagined bane, of most golfers at every level. A player's fortunes on the greens can elicit more moans and groans than a career of duck hooks, shanks, and skull jobs. Greens have given birth to that great golfing tome, "You drive for show, but putt for dough."

"The members usually see a green which measures from nine to 10 on the stimp meter. We jack it up to 10½ for the pros," Gary said. "They like 'em fast."

#### No Additional Hazards Added This Year

There will be no additional hazards added to the course this year. "We just make sure the water hazards (8) are clean and attractive, as they always are. We trim up the bunkers (78) and check to see that the amount of sand in them meets LPGA standards." Then he added, "We won't eliminate any of the hazards, either."

The course, which was built in 1957 from a Geoffrey Cornish design, plays to a par 72, 6,200 yards for the members. The pros will encounter a par of 72 and a distance of 6,381 yards. There isn't that much difference between the two set-ups. But, as they say, "It isn't the size of the dog in the fight; it's the size of the fight in the dog."

Crestview is dressed out, for the most part, in Bentgrass, mixed with a strain of Poa Annua. The greens will be a mixture of Vesper Velvet and Poa Annua. "We don't use Bermuda grass here," Gary noted. "That particular strain doesn't fair well in New England. It grows best down South."

Gary and his crew of 12, like a group of E.R. doctors, will be on call throughout the run of the tournament. But they'll have to adjust their schedule a bit. This week, their work must be done before 7:30 in the morning (which means a 4:30 a.m. start) and after 5:00 in the afternoon, when they mow parts of the course until the sun sets and darkness shuts them down.

"We are very sensitive to the comments tendered by the pros after they've played their rounds. We go out and fix things they think need fixing," Gary said.

In spite of that visit by big Bertha and a few subsequent showers, the course looks to be in excellent shape.

Gary Mondor is right on. No one can control Mother Nature. Heck, it's not even nice to fool her. But days and days of hard work lasting 12 hours or more and attention to detail can carry the day despite her. The Crestview Country Club course is ready. That's his job and the job of his 12-member crew. Once again, they've done it up in fine fashion.



PICTURED ABOVE (from left to right) are tournament coordinator Paul Scheer, Dotti Drewnowski, and Mike Drewnowski; selection committee members Joe Modzeleski, Dean Vecchiarelli, and Hank Drewnowski, Jr.; and Mr. Pisano and Mr. Markowski, the fathers of scholarship recipients Dom Pisano and Andy Markowski.

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## Philip McGeoghan Of Feeding Hills Is Heading For Junior Olympics In Texas

On July 24th, Feeding Hills resident Philip McGeoghan, who will be a senior at Agawam High School in September, will be leaving for the Junior Olympics in Houston, Texas.

He will be competing in the high jump. He also qualified for the triple jump, but will concentrate on the high jump for this meet. He will be returning on July 29th. "My dream is to return with a medal," said Philip.

He is looking for sponsors to help this dream come true.

The oldest of seven children, Philip has four brothers and two sisters. "My parents and my siblings are active in the community through sports, schools, and community service and events," he said. "I have participated in sports for more than 11 years in the town of Agawam. During my three years at high school, I have played basketball for three years, football, baseball, and track & field.

"I am a member of the Show Choir Chorus at Agawam High School," he continued. "Last year, we won a competition. This year, we placed in another competition.

"In May, I was chosen to take part in a journalism program at UMASS/Boston for a week in June. I, as well as others, worked closely with the *Boston Globe* and *USA Today* newspapers. We wrote a paper on 'Boston Harbor.' I was awarded with the Best Editorial. I am currently researching colleges to further my education in the journalism field as my major."

Philip's list of accomplishments include:

- Finished eighth in the nation in 1995 in the Junior Olympics Intermediate boys' high jump; 11th place in the triple jump.
- Won the Pioneer Valley Individual Meet in the high jump and the triple jump.
- Western Massachusetts in the triple jump and high jump with a record high of six feet, 8 3/4 inches.
- First place at the Massachusetts State Meet

in the high jump with a jump of six feet, eight inches.

- First place at the New England Track & Field Meet in the high jump with a jump of six feet, eight inches.

- Eighth at the National Scholastic Track & Field Meet held in Raleigh, North Carolina.

- Member of the "ALL AMERICAN TEAM." Only the top eight in the category qualify for this national recognition.

- Holds the high jump record at Agawam High School at the height of six feet, nine inches.

- Highest score for Massachusetts in the pentathlon at the National Scholastic Indoor Track & Field Meet; 14th overall.

- Selected to the All-Western Massachusetts team for track & field.

- Third place at the final qualifying round for the Junior Olympics at University of Maine.

- Qualified to attend the "Junior Olympics 1996" in Houston, Texas, July 23-28, 1996.

- Member of Agawam High School Show Choir for three years.

- Chosen to take part in a Journalism program at UMASS/Boston. Our group worked with *USA Today* and the *Boston Globe*. Our paper will be published in *USA Today*.

- Honored for the best editorial at the UMASS/Boston journalism program.

- Resolution Honoring for Outstanding Performances at the Western Mass. High School Track & Field Finals, Massachusetts High School Track Finals and the New England High School Track Finals.

- TV Channel 22 Athlete of the Week for Track & Field.

- Baystate record in high jump of six feet, 8 1/2 inches. Record set on July 14, 1996.

Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor may write to Philip McGeoghan, 75 Christopher Lane, Feeding Hills, MA 01030 or call 786-1982.

## Oxbow Show Ski Team Announces Summer Show Schedule

The Oxbow Water Show Ski Team presents the Hampton Hillbillies, a water skiing show that is similar to Cypress Garden Show skiing in Florida. Come to the Oxbow and watch this play on water.

From Route 5, go past the Delaney House. Stay on Route 5 until you come to the sign that says "Welcome to Easthampton." Look for island in road; on left hand side, you will see the Oxbow Sports and Package Store. Take a left onto East Street.

Go straight until you see a white fence and a sign saying "Arcadia Wildlife and the Easthampton Gun and Rod Club." Take a right onto Fort Hill Road; keep going, bear right at next "Arcadia Wildlife" sign. Keep going until you see a metal bridge and go over it. Club is a mile in. There is free parking and free admission.

The next water ski show will take place this Friday evening, July 19th. Following that event, the club will be holding a tournament on July 27th and 28th. What's more, there will be more shows next month on August 2nd and August 9th.

(There will not be a show on July 26th because there will be other teams coming in from out-of-state to compete in individual acts on Saturday, July 27th, and there will be three teams competing for first place on Sunday, July 28th.)

For more information, please contact Bob or Rose Ziemba at (413) 583-3162.



### Golf Tip Of The Week...

Compiled by  
**Jim Modzelesky,**  
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## Agawam Tigers Open 1996 Basketball Season With Four-Point Loss

The Agawam Tigers, still remembering last year's one-point overtime championship game loss, opened their new season Wednesday, July 10th against East Longmeadow.

Having to move into the 13-15 year-old age bracket, this year's team will face older players with more experience.

However, the first game of the season proved otherwise. Agawam took the early lead and held on until midway through the first half. East Longmeadow then took control to lead 19-12 at the half.

Behind a zone defense, the Tigers clawed their way back to within three points on two separate occasions. They finally fell to East Longmeadow, 34-30.

A.J. Martucci led a balanced scoring attack with 10 points, followed by Joe Rosinski's seven points.

This year's team consists of guards Travis Reed, Mike Thomas, Shawn Mercadante, Wes Scott, and Joe Rosinski; forwards Lou Conte, Jr., Dan Vinton, and Brad Theriaque; and centers Adam Ellsworth and A. J. Martucci.

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## Golf Tournament For Renal Assistance Fund Slated For August 2nd

On Friday, August 2nd, the 14th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the L. John Schinelli Renal Assistance Fund will be held at the Agawam Country Club.

Registration will take place between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m., and will be accompanied with coffee and donuts. A buffet hot and cold lunch will follow the tournament.

The fund was established to honor the late L. John Schinelli, a native of Agawam, formerly manager of the Springfield District of Western Mass. Electric Co. and a dialysis patient himself. Monies received are used to help dialysis patients and their families in need of emergency money to help pay their rent, utilities, transportation, medical insurance premiums, medicines, etc.

Anyone wishing to participate in the tournament or purchase a sign should contact Ray Pieczarka at 789-0800, Arthur Serra at 786-7699, or John Williams at 786-7094 for further information.

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## Ayre Real Estate Giants Win Minor League Championship

On July 12th, the Ayre Real Estate Giants jumped on the Parrotta's Auto Sales Athletics early and held on to win the 1996 Agawam Minor League Championship, 9-7.

This game matched the two teams that had the best records in 1996. The only loss for both teams during the regular season was against each other.

In the Championship game, the Giants scored nine runs in the first three innings with clutch hitting by cleanup hitter Joseph Greaney (two singles, one double, four RBI's, scored two runs) and great pitching by starting and winning pitcher Zachary Laponese (seven strikeouts, two assists). The A's, down 9-2 after three innings, never gave up and scored five runs in the last three innings.

Great relief pitching and hitting by the A's Jordan Buiso (one single, one double, scored three times) and Ryan Harlow (three single and one double)



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reduced the lead to just two, but nice relief pitching by the Giants' Anthony Iellamo and great defense plays by outfielder Thomas Barnes, outfielder Philip Souliere, shortstop Brian Simpson, second baseman Joseph Koehler, and first baseman Joseph Greaney enabled the Giants to pull off the 9-7 victory for the 1996 Agawam Minor League Championship.

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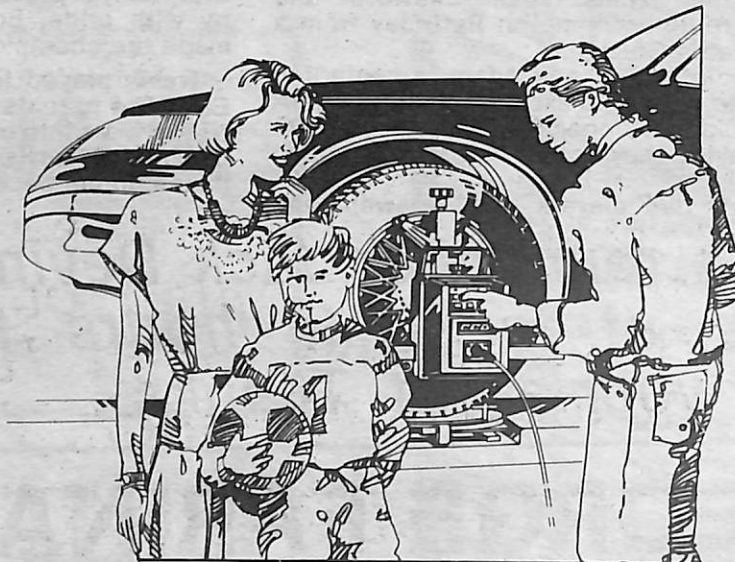
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## Agawam Piranhas Bow To Hampshire Regional Y Team In Northampton

The Agawam Piranhas swim team lost against the Hampshire Regional Y team by a score of 311-299 on July 9, 1996 at the Northampton YMCA. The results included:

### Girls 8 & under:

Caitlin Hurley, second, and Megan Lalli, third in 25-yard freestyle; Megan Lalli, second in 25-yard butterfly; Caitlin Hurley, second, and Megan Lalli, third in 50-yard freestyle; Stephanie Scavotto, second, and Katelyn Morytko, third in 25-yard backstroke; Caitlin Hurley, second, and Katelyn Morytko, third in 25-yard breaststroke.

### Boys 8 & under:

The team of Shaun Bruso, Benjamin Bruso, Jeffrey Lagasse, and Brian Boglisch placed first in the 100-yard medley relay.

Benjamin Bruso, first, and Jeffrey Lagasse, second in 100-yard individual medley; Shaun Bruso, first in 25-yard freestyle; Jeffrey Lagasse, first, and Shaun Bruso, second in 25-yard butterfly; Jeffrey Lagasse, first, and Benjamin Bruso, second in 50-yard freestyle; Shaun Bruso, first, and Phillip Boglisch, third in 25-yard backstroke; Benjamin Bruso, first in 25-yard breaststroke.

### Girls 9-10:

The team of Kristyn Ward, Bethany Reid, Julia Weisgerber, and Leigh Stepanian placed first in the 200-yard medley relay; and the team of Jessica Lalli, Irena Klimczak, Angela Vinton, and Rebecca Carey placed third.

The team of Leigh Stepanian, Kristyn Ward, Jessica Lalli, and Bethany Reid placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay; and the team of Angela Vinton, Rebecca Carey, Irena Klimczak, and Julia Weisgerber placed third.

Bethany Reid, first, and Jessica Lalli, third in 100-yard individual medley; Leigh Stepanian, third in 50-yard freestyle; Kristyn Ward, second in 50-yard backstroke; Bethany Reid, first, and Irena Klimczak, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

### Boys 9-10:

Connor Dooley, third in 100-yard freestyle; Anthony Rueli, third in 50-yard backstroke; Connor Dooley, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

### Girls 11-12:

The team of Brittany Theriaque, Allison Morris, Christina O'Brien, and Kimberly Chmura placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

The team of Lauren Gaffney, Kimberly Chmura, Allison Morris, and Christian O'Brien placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Christina O'Brien, first in 200-yard individual medley; Christina O'Brien, first, and Lauren Gaffney, third in 200-yard freestyle; Lauren Gaffney,

second, and Allison Morris, third in 50-yard freestyle; Brittany Theriaque, third in 100-yard freestyle; Kimberly Chmura, first, and Brittany Theriaque, third in 50-yard backstroke; Kimberly Chmura, first, and Allison Morris, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

### Boys 11-12:

The team of Daniel Adamski, Michael Follis, Paul Lagasse, and Kyle Sullivan placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

The team of Daniel Adamski, Paul Lagasse, Matt Lawlor, and Kyle Sullivan placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Matt Lawlor, third in 200-yard freestyle; Kyle Sullivan, second in 50-yard freestyle; Paul Lagasse, second in 50-yard butterfly; Daniel Adamski, second in 100-yard freestyle; Daniel Adamski, first, and Matt Lawlor, third in 50-yard backstroke; Michael Follis, second, and Michael Lalli, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

### Girls 13-14:

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Shannon Costa, Katherine Chmura, Rachel Morris, and Katherine Carey placed first; and the team of Rebecca Morytko, Lauren Kunkler, Jennifer Reid, and Kaitlin Morris placed third.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of Katherine Chmura, Katherine Carey, Rachel Morris, and Shannon Costa placed first; and the team of Jennifer Reid, Kaitlin Morris, Lauren Kunkler, and Rebecca Morytko placed second.

Shannon Costa, first in 200-yard individual medley; Jennifer Reid, second, and Kaitlin Morris, third in 200-yard freestyle; Rachel Morris, first, and Katherine Carey, second in 50-yard freestyle; Shannon Costa, first in 100-yard butterfly; Katherine Chmura, first in 100-yard freestyle; Rachel Morris, second in 100-yard backstroke; Katherine Chmura, first, and Jennifer Reid, second in 100-yard breaststroke.

### Boys 13-14:

Nathan Adamski, first in 200-yard individual medley; Nathan Adamski, first, and Thomas Graveline, second in 200-yard freestyle; Matthew Francis, first in 50-yard freestyle; Thomas Graveline, first, and Matthew Francis, second in 100-yard freestyle; Nathan Adamski, first, and Thomas Graveline, second in 100-yard backstroke; Matthew Francis, second in 100-yard breaststroke.

### Girls 15-18:

Eileen Daly, first in 200-yard individual medley, first in 100-yard butterfly, and second in 100-yard breaststroke.

## Local Athletes "Make The Grade" At Cowen's Basketball School

After a physical week of drills, lectures, fundamentals, and games, Adam Ellsworth and Travis Reed returned home on Saturday from a week at Wheaton College.

Travis, a point guard, and Adam, a center/forward, received a good-to-excellent written report from their respective coaches. Both players are quoted as saying they "can't wait to return next year."

As the only two players from Agawam and

possibly Western Mass., they played their games with many representatives from around the country with pride. Both Travis' and Adam's teams made the championship game on Saturday.

Travis played for the West and Adam for the East. The parents watched with intensity as both teams went into overtime, with Adam's team winning. Both Travis and Adam are now beginning their summer basketball with the Agawam Tigers.

**Please remember Jack Devine needs at least 48 hours to cover your event. Thanks.**

Best local news!

## Agawam Team Is Now In The Western Mass. Baseball League

The Western Massachusetts Baseball League is in its third year of existence. It is a men's fast-pitch baseball league for 30 year-olds and older.

This season, Agawam is represented in the league. The team is called Fenton's Athletics and is sponsored by Jim Fenton. Currently, the team is in second place with record of 11 wins and four losses (see the complete standings below).

The Athletics play their home games at Shea Field behind Robinson Park School. Games are scheduled for Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 5:45 p.m. The regular season consists of 20 games followed by playoffs, with the league champion traveling to Pennsylvania to compete in the National 30 and Older World Series.

The Athletics have the highest team batting average in the league at .311 (134 for 431). The leading hitters on the team are John Carenzo, 20 for 45, .444; Pat Collins, 14 for 32, .438; Bob Gurski, 14 for 36, .388; Rodney Hull, 15 for 40, .375; Lennie Krogh, 11 for 30, .367; and John Cirillo, eight for 26, .308.

The pitching staff is comprised of Pat Collins, Lennie Krogh, John Cirillo, and Fred Perry. Together, these men have an 11-win, four-loss record with two saves. The staff has pitched 103 innings, allowed 100 hits, 45 walks, 79 strikeouts, 59 runs, 39 earned runs, and has an earned run average of 2.65 runs per seven innings.

Spectators at most games consist of wives and children. If you're looking for some wholesome entertainment, why not attend a ballgame. Bring a folding chair — you'll have the best seat in the house.

### Standings As Of 7/16/96

TEAM	W	L
Legends Tavern Red Sox (Springfield)	12	2
Fenton's Athletics (Agawam)	11	4
Arnold's Bakery Braves (Ludlow)	8	5
Southwick Package Yankees (Southwick)	3	13
Teddy Bear Pools Marlins (Springfield)	2	12

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## Jigs — Simple But Effective...

If I was given just one lure to use and my survival depended on it, I would use a simple jig. Once you have mastered the subtle art of jig fishing, there is no doubt that it will catch more fish under a variety of conditions than any other lure.

Crankbaits and spinnerbaits, along with plastic worms, can be deadly under the right conditions, but they are all somewhat of a specialty lure. The simple lead head and twister tail grub, on the other hand, will catch almost anything that swims and feeds on live food.

Jigs come in all sizes and styles. They range from the simple lead head and grub combination mentioned above, to elaborately dressed creations tied with hair, feathers or living rubber. Bass fishermen often add a pork rind trailer to the jig to add action and bulk to the offering. It also gives the bass something meaty to hold on to and extends the time a fisherman has to set the hook.

Successful jig fishing involves more than simply tossing a jig into the water and praying that something grabs hold of it. Fishing a jig involves the greatest amount of concentration and line watching of any technique.

A jig can be best utilized when fishing drop-offs and the outer edge of deeper weedlines. As the jig is hopped down the slope of a drop-off, the angler must be aware of what is happening at the business end of his line. A lifting of the rod will bring the jig forward and the lowering of the rod will allow it to fall into deeper water.

The point of the retrieve that is most important is that instant when the jig is falling into the deeper water. Most often a fish will hit the jig when it is falling. This can be the most difficult time to detect a subtle strike. When the fish are in an aggressive mood, there will be no doubt as to the fact that a fish has taken the lure.

Fish that are not in an aggressive mood may simply inhale the snack-sized offering in a casual and somewhat indifferent manner. This is when the eye-straining "art" of line watching comes in to play. How many times have we all watched one

fellow consistently hook up while everyone else goes fishless? The answer is probably "too often."

As a jig or flutter spoon falls toward the bottom, a fish rising to "mouth" the offering may go totally unnoticed because there is no tug on the line. The lure is going down and the fish is coming up to take it. There is not only no "tug" on the line, there is a sudden but subtle slackening of the line.

Remember, when fishing a jig; when the line goes slack, either the lure has hit bottom or something (hopefully a fish) has stopped its downward fall. An experienced jig fisherman can develop an extra awareness of such subtle things, and will set the hook if he detects a premature slackening of the line.

The new generation of "super lines" such as Spider Wire or Berkley's new Fire Line, have virtually no stretch and offer extreme "feel" sensitivity to the fisherman. My personal favorite for jig fishing is the new Fire Line from Berkley. You can literally feel the jig or plastic worm crawl over pebbles.

The new lines are a great advantage over "stretch prone" monofilament lines. This is an aid to the jig fisherman, but is no substitute for line watching. When I refer to "line watching," I am referring to the practice of focusing your attention to the point where the line enters the water. As the jig drifts downward into deeper water, the line will slice through the water towards you. Any discernible interruption in the progress of the lure's fall will be visually apparent at the point where the line meets the water.

Movement to the side or a subtle twitch in the line will be noticed before you could feel it through the rod. When in doubt, set the hook. Focusing your vision on the point of contact where the line enters the water, can necessitate a good pair of polarized sunglasses. Bright light and a long day of fishing can give you enough eye strain to bring on a real headache, so remember to wear something to reduce the glare on the water.

Fresh water anglers are not alone in their use of jigs. Salt water anglers have been using jigs of several types for years. Diamond jigs and "Norwegian" style jigs have been the stock and trade of deep water cod fishermen for a long time. Some of these jigs can weigh as much as 24 ounces or more. They are used for vertical jigging, with effective results.

Next week we will take a look at some of the salt water techniques for jigging. We will cover deep water vertical jigging as well as fluke jigs and trolling parachute jigs on wire.

Have a safe and productive week. Remember, if you are not going to eat that fish or have it mounted by a taxidermist, release it to fulfill nature's destiny and provide angling thrills for the future.

## Sunday Night Summer Soccer League

EASTERN DIVISION	W	L	T	P
Greece	2	1	1	5
Italy	2	1	1	5
Holland	1	1	2	4
Germany	1	2	1	3

CENTRAL DIVISION	W	L	T	P
France	2	2	0	4
Nigeria	2	2	0	4
Ireland	1	3	0	2
England	1	3	0	2

WESTERN DIVISION	W	L	T	P
U.S.A.	3	0	1	7
Argentina	3	1	0	6
Brazil	2	1	1	5
Mexico	0	3	1	1

### RESULTS OF SUNDAY, JULY 14TH (All games at Agawam High School)

England 4, Brazil 0  
Argentina 3, France 2  
U.S.A. 1, Greece 0  
Holland 1, Mexico 1  
Germany 4, Ireland 3  
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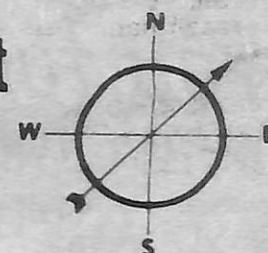
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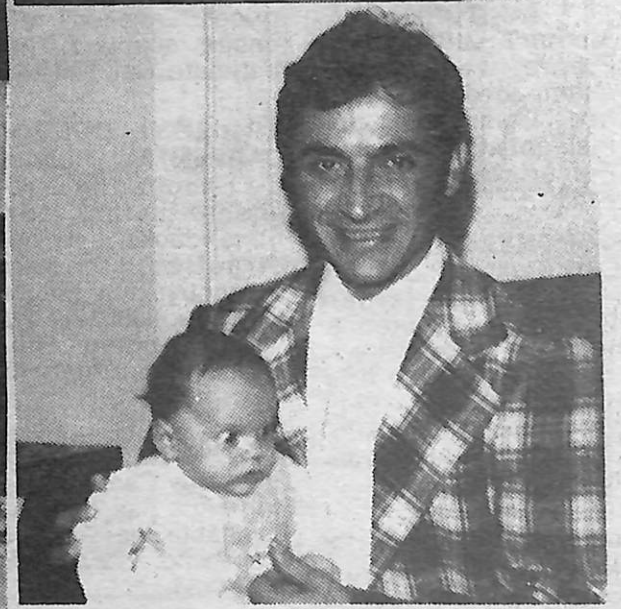
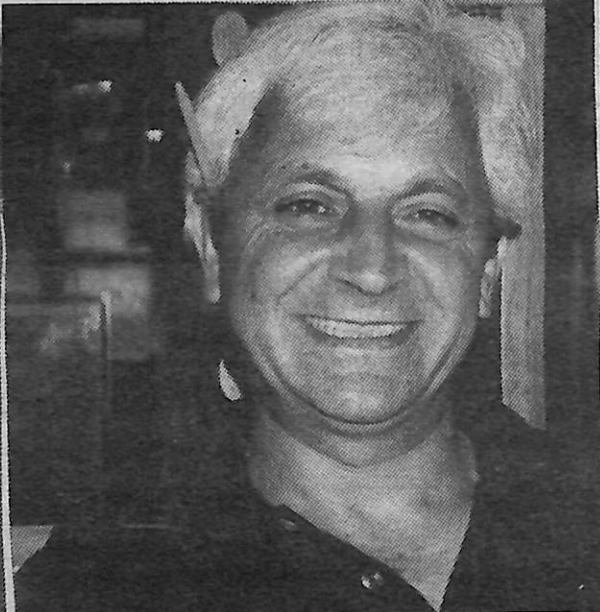
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